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RELENTLESS WAR HOUR AFTER HOUR

Hitler Sends More And More Planes To Destruction Southampton Gets Attack In Evening

THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE SAYS AIR BATTLES STARTED SOON AFTER DAWN YESTERDAY WITH MASS ATTACKS BY NAZI BOMBERS ON BRITISH AERODROMES AND SHIPPING: A RELENTLESS WAR WAS WAGED HOUR AFTER HOUR.

COAST SHELLLED FROM FRANCE?

MISSILES FROM THE SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

There is no confirmation in London as yet of reports, splashed in American newspapers, that the British coast has been shelled from France.

News reports state that a number of explosions occurred on Monday and did a certain amount of damage to houses. In one place, the upper storey of two houses was wrecked, while the front of another house was cut as if by a knife.

A bomb or shell also fell in a front garden and allotment.

Residents say that there were no planes in sight at the time. Fragments are being examined by the authorities, a large quantity having been collected by the police.

Speculation is rife as to the origin of the missiles, which are reported to have come from the sea.

Two Explanations

There are two local explanations:

1. That they might be shells fired from warships in the Channel; but military experts doubt this.

2. That they might be shells from the big guns the Germans have mounted on the other side of the Channel.

According to unofficial reports, one missile destroyed a row of five houses, without causing any casualties, another dug a 6-foot crater in a field and a third landed in a vegetable patch.—Havas.

Reuter which says that fragments believed to be shell pieces were picked up, says that it is suggested that the shell may have come from a British gun. Investigations are continuing.

RAIDS WILL INCREASE IN INTENSITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

"The air offensive started on Sunday will not let up until England capitulates," official quarters in Berlin state.

The Nazi raids will increase in intensity, these same quarters state, until the time is ripe for the final blow.

The attacks are intended to shatter Britain's defences and break down Britain's military resistance. Meanwhile, German troops are reported to be massed for the attempted invasion of England.—Havas.

SPY FEVER IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The espionage question is still holding the spotlight in the Japanese press.

The "Kobe Shimbun" points out that many foreigners in Kobe dwell in houses from which they obtain a full view of the harbour, and are thus able to keep an ef-

fective check on harbour movements.

The paper adds: "The gendarmerie are taking appropriate measures to remedy the situation."

The paper concludes by appealing to Kobe residents to co-operate with the authorities to prevent espionage.—Havas.

TUESDAY'S SCORE:
69 FOR 11

The toll of enemy aircraft destroyed over Great Britain and the Channel yesterday is estimated to be 69.

This brings the total destroyed over Britain since war began to 597, and 522 since June 18 when the first mass air raid by German planes was made.

Only 11 British fighters were lost yesterday; five pilots are safe.

In three days the Germans have lost 184 planes over Britain; 179 were downed by the R.A.F. and anti-aircraft guns and five were bagged by the Navy.

In these three days the R.A.F. has lost 48 fighters.—Reuter.

BRITISH OFFICIALS RETICENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

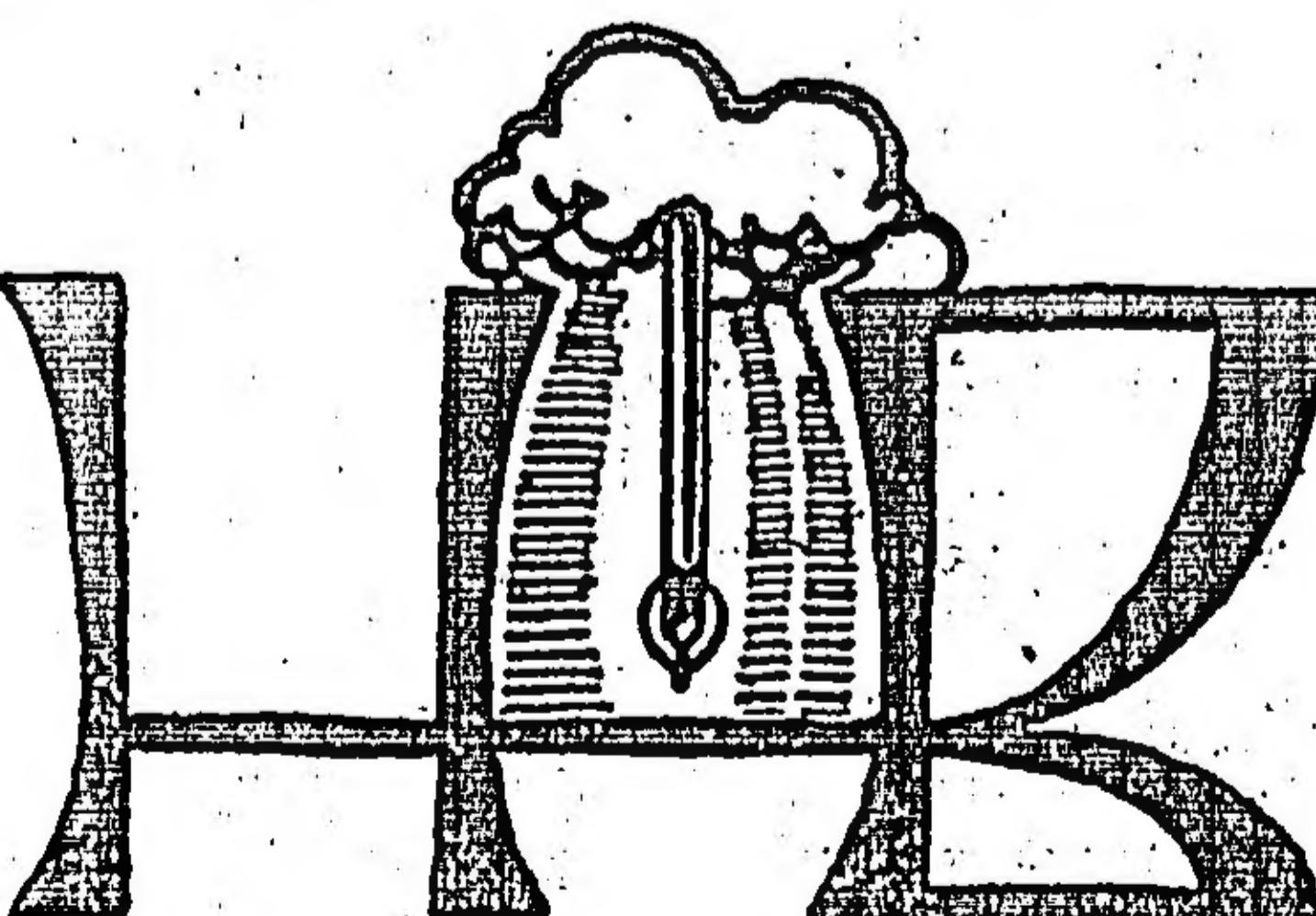
British officials in Shanghai are silent regarding the date of withdrawal of British troops from Shanghai, while general opinion does not expect any changes in the defence sectors until the meeting to-morrow of the foreign military commanders which will probably take place at noon at Japanese Naval Landing Party Headquarters. The meeting will decide which defence unit will take over the sectors at present administered by British troops.—Havas.

Tientsin Rumour

A rumour that after the British troops have been withdrawn, Britain will hand over the British patrolled area in North China to American troops was emphatically denied in Tientsin by both Major F. O. B. Dowling, Commander of the British Garrison troops, and the British Consul-General when they called on General Homma, Japanese Garrison commander, yesterday morning, according to a semi-official Japanese report.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, moderate; fair generally, some local showers.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

LINER IN COLLISION OFF CAPE

A COLLISION BETWEEN TWO BRITISH SHIPS IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC DURING THE WEEK-END IS OFFICIALLY REPORTED FROM CAPE TOWN.

The 18,000-ton passenger liner Ceramic was involved in a collision with the 5,000-ton Bank Line freighter Test Bank. Both ships were damaged, but are proceeding to port.

Within a few hours, other ships were on the scene and, as a precaution, the Ceramic's passengers were transferred.

The weather was calm and there were no casualties.—Reuter.

*** Of 18,495 tons, the triple-screw liner Ceramic is owned by the Oceanic Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (White Star Line). She was built in 1913.

Later.

The passengers of the Ceramic have arrived in Capetown.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI DEFENCE

MR. SUMNER WELLES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE, DECLARED IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTING ITS LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN SHANGHAI TO SETTLE QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH TROOPS.

Mr. Welles said Admiral Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the Asiatic Squadron, would doubtless join in the Shanghai negotiations involving decisions regarding what forces shall take over patrol of the British sector.

Mr. Welles hoped all questions would be settled in Shanghai in a friendly and equitable manner.—Reuter.

HINT TO WANG CHING-WEI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE EXPLOSION OF ONE OF THREE CIGARETTE TINS IN FRONT OF WANG CHING-WEI'S RESIDENCE LAST SUNDAY WOUNDED TWO CHINESE EMPLOYED IN THE HOUSE, IT WAS REVEALED IN SHANGHAI YESTERDAY.

No report of the incident has reached the Settlement police who declared such occurrences in the outside roads area are frequently kept hidden from the knowledge of the police.

Wang's residence is at present occupied by a large number of Nanking troops; Wang himself has not lived there for several months.—Havas.

COAL FOR FLOUR AGREEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A barter agreement has been reached between North and Central China for the exchange of flour against coal, the "Peking and Tientsin Times" reported yesterday. North China will send Central China 900,000 tons of coal, 73,000 tons of salt and 1,300 tons of tobacco leaf in exchange for four million bags of wheat and flour and an important amount of manufactured cigarettes.—Havas.

PETAIN LOANS TO IMPORTERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Petain Government has decided to grant loans without interest to French importers who have purchased goods from the colonies and have not received them owing to the interruption of sea communications.

With such loans, importers will be able to pay French colonists who sent the goods which were either seized or blocked. Loans will be redeemable six months after the signature of peace.—Havas.



The Hon. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, opened the Canadian Red Shield West Central Hotel (providing private hotel accommodation for Canadian troops on leave) at Southampton Row, London. Mr. Massey is seen (right) on the steps of the hotel with a guard of honour of Salvation Army girls, and Major A. L. Steele, Chief of the Salvations Army War representatives in London. (Copyright, Fox.)

MARSHAL PETAIN COMPLAINS OF CRITICISM

BROADCASTING TO THE FRENCH LAST NIGHT, MARSHAL PETAIN COMPLAINED THAT THE INTENTIONS OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN PERSISTENTLY MISREPRESENTED IN CERTAIN QUARTERS, AND SAID THE DIFFICULTIES FACING HIS GOVERNMENT WERE UNPRECEDENTED.

"Those which arise from France's defeat in war we cannot cure," Marshal Petain declared.

Another no less urgent task was to ensure the repatriation of four million French and Belgian refugees.

Half a million refugees and demobilised soldiers were repatriated to various parts of their territory and Marshal Petain expressed thanks to American generosity and to their Swiss friends who sent ten loads of food.

Marshal Petain concluded by addressing a special message to the population of Paris and Frenchmen in occupied territory.

He said immediately after the Armistice they asked the German Government for authorisation to transfer the Government to Paris and this was inscribed in the Armistice terms.

Matter Of Time

The German Government informed them that while maintaining its agreement to this transfer in principle it could not for technical reasons and until certain material conditions were realised grant this authority, but Marshal Petain believed authorisation was only a matter of time.

The first task of the Government was to procure for everybody sufficient nourishment in the coming months.

The cessation of work, destruction resulting from the war, paralysis of means of communication and the exodus of a large part of the agricultural population had conjured up in different parts of the country the hideous spectre of famine. That was why measures of rationing had to be taken.—Reuter.

Incompetence

Marshal Petain said some of their misfortunes arose "from the same causes which led our country to disaster—ineptitude, laziness and sometimes systematic sabotaging of measures decided upon by the Government."

He added: "We are determined to prosecute and punish the culprits wherever they may be."—Havas.

BALTIC PROBLEM

LORD DAVIS ASKED IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS YESTERDAY WHETHER, IN VIEW OF THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS FOR A TRADE AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S.S.R., GOVERNMENT WERE PREPARED TO AUTHORISE THE TRANSFER TO THE RUSSIAN STATE BANK OF SECURITIES HELD IN BRITAIN BY THE BALTIC REPUBLICS BEFORE THEY BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

Lord Caldecote, replying, said various important political, financial and legal considerations were involved and they were now engaging the attention of Government. He was not yet in a position to make a statement on the subject.—Reuter.

DE VALERA NOT AFRAID OF HITLER

The danger of Eire falling an easy prey to aggression like some other countries in Europe was vigorously discounted by Mr. de Valera, in an interview given to the Dublin correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor."

Published in Boston yesterday, the interview attributes to Mr. de Valera the statement that geographically the position of Eire presents considerable difficulty for invasion by a long sea route and the attempt could be made very costly.

The training of a small and well-equipped mechanised Irish Army for twenty years has been naturally directed to the problem of how to resist invasion.

The defences recently have been greatly strengthened.

Those in Eire "who might aid one or other of the belligerents are negligible in numbers."

Finally, said Mr. De Valera, if "A" invades us, "B" would be ready to come to our aid.—Reuter.

BACK TO LAND MOVEMENT IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A LARGE-SCALE PLAN FOR AGRICULTURAL REHABILITATION IS BEING DRAFTED IN JAPAN, THE TOKYO "CHUGAI SHOGYO" REVEALS.

Aspects of the new plan is to improve the peasants' standard of living and check the exodus to the cities. No concrete measures have yet been proposed but many experts advocate the system which predominated in old Japan. Essence of the system is nationalisation of the land combined with periodical redistribution between farmers.

Adoption of the old system would double the acreage of farms, abolish the tenant system and eliminate farmers' debts.

The result could only be achieved, however, if the Government could simultaneously organise on a big scale an exodus of Japanese farmers to the continent. It would be necessary for at least two million Japanese families to leave the islands in the next 20 years.—Havas.

AULD LANG SYNE

As the small detachment of East Surreys, who are being withdrawn from China in accordance with the British Government decision, marched down Legation Street in Peking to the station yesterday they sang wartime songs and were accompanied by many British residents bidding farewell.

When the troops reached the American Embassy, a guard of honour of U.S. Marines saluted smartly and the band played "Auld Lang Syne."

At the station American officers of the Embassy Guard in full dress and French troops heartily cheered the departing contingent.—Reuter.

SENDING ABROAD OF ALIENS

A statement on the sending abroad of refugees and internees in Britain was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal.

Replying to a question, Mr. Attlee said that in view of the new strategic situation arising from the occupation by Germany of the Low Countries and half of northern France, Government came to the conclusion early in June that in the interests of national security it was desirable to transfer overseas numbers of enemy aliens out of the United Kingdom in view of the general danger likely to arise in an attempted invasion of these islands by having large numbers of enemy aliens concentrated in a comparatively small number of camps in various parts of the country.

It was decided to send abroad 9,120 Germans and Australians in British internment camps to Canada and Australia.—Reuter.

ALLIED FORCES BILL IN THE LORDS

The Allied Forces Bill, giving full extra-territorial status to the authorities of the forces belonging to Allied Governments in Britain, passed its second reading in the House of Lords yesterday. Lord Croft said the provisions in many respects were similar to those concerned with the Dominion forces which were being organised and were already proving a very great addition to the strength of the British cause.

The House of Lords then adjourned.—Reuter.

NOTHING ONE-SIDED ABOUT AIR OFFENSIVE

R.A.F. Operations From Jutland To Biscay

Attacks Pressed Home Despite Ice

PETAIN TO SUPPRESS FREEMASONRY

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] A decree issued by the Vichy Government yesterday suppresses all secret societies, mainly Freemasonry. Other decrees deal with the procedure to be followed by the Supreme Court.

The Council of Ministers heard an outline of the Far Eastern situation by the Foreign Minister. — Havas.

WHY NAZI PLANES FAIL

Superior fuel and lubrication were assigned by the New York "Times" yesterday as the principal causes of the superiority of individual British planes to German in performance.

The newspaper said the best aviation petrol Germany can produce has a rating of 72 to 75 octanes. Some German planes shot down were supplied with petrol with an octane rating as low as 67.

American army fuels have a rating well over 100.

Germany is unable to produce the volume of lubricating oil needed to keep in good condition engines that burn 100-octane gasoline. — Reuter.

INDIA'S WAR EFFORT

The Viceroy of India, addressing the war gifts committee yesterday, referred to the expansion of the Indian armed forces and productive war effort.

"I would like to see an army of a million men called into being to defend these shores at the word of command."

"Your impatience to see this accomplished is natural. We may all take heart and courage from the certain knowledge that the whole country, with a unanimity which is immensely significant, is determined at all costs to preserve India from the malignant influence of Nazi power."

"I myself have seen factories in this country, where lathe are turning and machines working night and day, where thousands are engaged in turning out munitions and other war material in ever increasing quantities."

"It is an inspiring sight and it is only the beginning." — Reuter.

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT TARGETS ATTACKED BY R.A.F. BOMBERS ON MONDAY NIGHT INCLUDED THE GOTHA AIR FRAME FACTORY AND OTHER OBJECTIVES IN NORTH-WEST GERMANY AND ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY IN FRANCE AND HOLLAND.

The attacks were pressed home despite cloud and ice, and raids were also made on 17 aerodromes and the seaplane base at Borkum. From these operations four of our aircraft have not returned.

The harbour of Helder, on the Dutch coast, was bombed in co-operation with aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm. Medium bombers carried out daylight operations yesterday over an area extending from Jutland to the Bay of Biscay.

Among objectives attacked were the enemy occupied aerodromes at Waalhaven, Hengene, Caen, Cherbourg, Morlaix and the seaplane base at Brest. Twelve of our aircraft have not returned.

The Air Ministry news service states that a tremendous explosion on the quayside during the attack on Helder was probably an ammunition dump going up.

There was a series of 20 smaller explosions as the pilot circled overhead and still more when the plane was far out to sea.

A Hudson bomber got a stick of bombs across a dozen ships in Helder harbour.

Gotha Factory On Fire

An aerodrome on Texel Island was also attacked and buildings set on fire.

Damage to the Gotha factory was confirmed by a late arrival over the objective whose crew reported that their bombs led to an increase in the intensity of the fire already burning.

Hits were registered on the wharves at Amsterdam and explosions caused in the docks. The blaze could be seen when the raiders were 30 miles away.

Munitions Factories Bombed

Other targets included munitions factories at Lipstadt and Herrigen, and a blast furnace at Witten, where a fire broke out.

Fires also blazed at Lastrup, Borkum and Dinar aerodromes, Schipol airport and several other aerodromes bombed. — Reuter.

PURCHASE TAX TO BE MODIFIED

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, ANNOUNCED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE PURCHASE TAX ON NEWSPAPERS IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES AS A FREE AND WIDELY DISTRIBUTED PRESS WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

He also announced exemption from the tax of books and periodicals, including printed music, leaflets, pamphlets, trade catalogues and other trade advertising material and account books, but diaries will continue to be taxed.

It is an inspiring sight and it is only the beginning." — Reuter.

DE GAULLE FORCES ASSIST

FRENCH "75" GUNS, ADAPTED FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT WORK AND MANNED BY CREWS OF GENERAL DE GAULLE'S FREE FRENCH NAVAL SHIPS, CLAIMED TWO ENEMY BOMBERS IN A RECENT AIR RAID AGAINST A SOUTH COAST PORT, STATES AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM GENERAL DE GAULLE'S LONDON HEADQUARTERS.

When 100 Nazi bombers raided a naval base, French ships joined in the heavy barrage of A.A. fire.

This was the first time Free French naval units had been in action.

Trophies of the battle, including two aeroplane machine-guns and two Iron Crosses, are now on board the flagship of France's Free Navy. — Reuter.

ENGLISH DEFENCES UNSHAKEN

THE ATLANTA (GEORGIA) "JOURNAL" YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT THE GREATEST AIR BATTLES OF THE WAR LEAVE THE ENGLISH DEFENCES UNSHAKEN AND THE NAZIS NURSING DEEP WOUNDS.

DETACHED OBSERVERS REGARD THE NET RESULTS AS A HEAVY BLOW TO HITLER'S DREAM OF CRUSHING THE BRITISH ISLES BY INVASION. — REUTER.

RISE ON STOCK MARKET

Favourable news of the recent air activity was responsible for a marked improvement in sentiment on the London Stock Exchange yesterday with a consequent upward movement of prices in all sections under the lead of gilt-edged securities and industrials. More buying was reported in practically all groups. Wall Street was irregular. — Reuter.

LORD SHUTTLEWORTH MISSING

Flying-Officer Lord Shuttleworth is missing following air operations on August 8.

Lord Shuttleworth succeeded to the title last year on the death of his grandfather. His father was killed in the last war. — Reuter.

NATIONAL POLICY WEDDINGS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A drive to promote the popularity of "national policy weddings," the cost of which is only 20 yen, is being started by national spiritual mobilization headquarters in Tokyo.

Weddings are conducted as simply as possible in homes and shrines instead of banqueting halls.

The exchange of bridal gifts is discouraged and reduction of the dowry to 20 per cent. of the usual sum is advocated.

Special dinners may be given in connection with the ceremony but the price should not exceed three yen per guest in the country and five yen in the city.

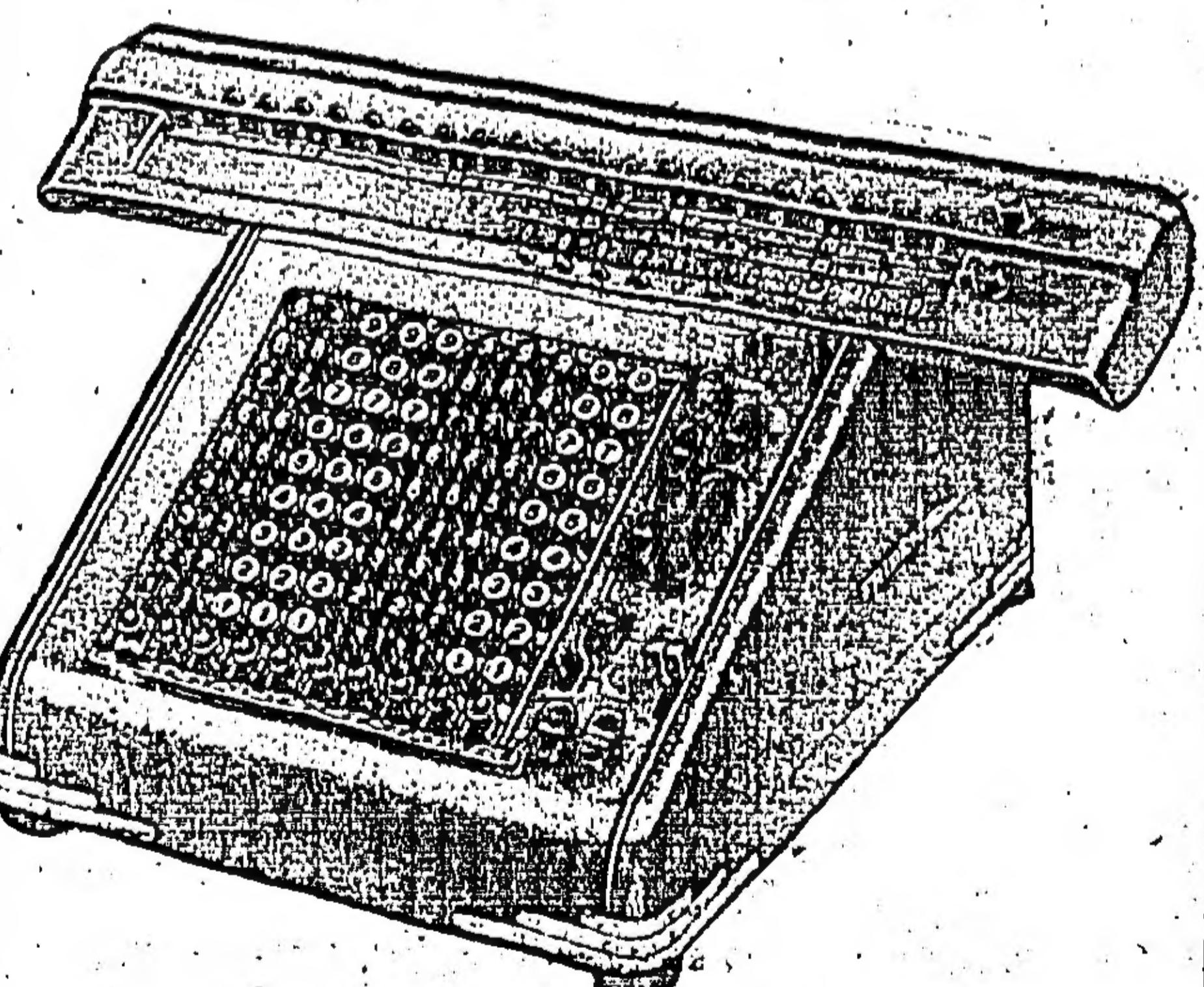
Size of wedding photographs should be reduced to post-card dimensions. Similar measures are advocated for funerals. — Havas.

CAUTINED

Dr. Joseph Bank, residing at Bishop House, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with failing to report his departure from the Colony on February 26. Defendant was cautioned.

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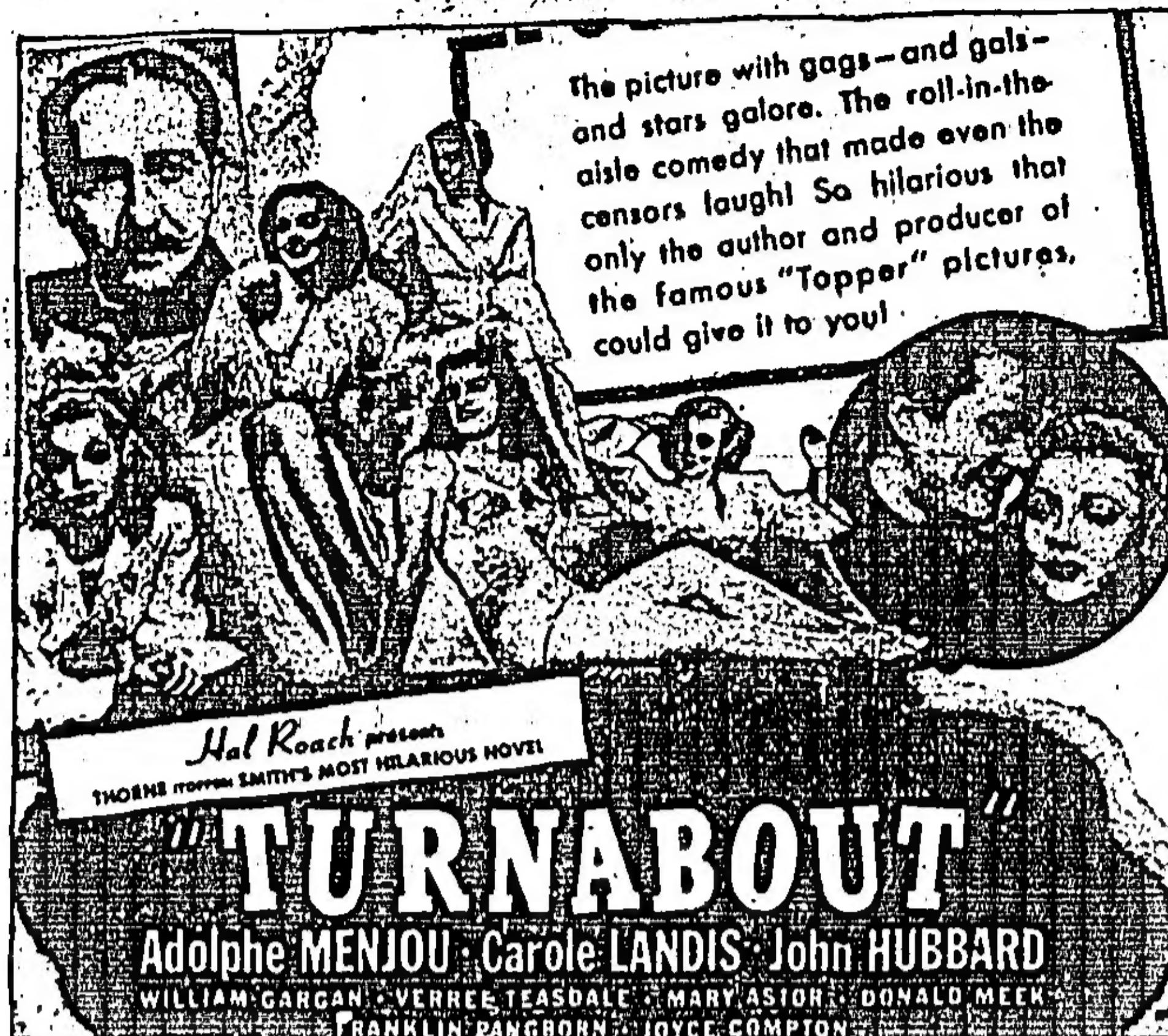
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AUSTRALIAN AIR CALAMITY: TRIBUTE BY MR. CHURCHILL

CONTROL OF TRADE IN THE BALKANS

The United Kingdom Commercial Corporation which was established some time ago to deal specially with Balkan trade is now actively at work and has been given the monopoly of entry of certain goods, mainly Empire raw materials, into the Balkans, says Reuter's lobby correspondent.

Reports state that it is progressing well and has now extended its operations to Turkey where, it is expected, it will handle a large part of Anglo-Turkish trade. — Reuter.

BEAVERBROOK THANKS MADRAS

LORD BEAVERBROOK, MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION, HAS CABLED TO THE GOVERNOR OF MADRAS AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE FOR THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS SENT IN TO THE GOVERNOR'S WAR FUND.

Already, £35,704 have been contributed and a Madras Presidency Squadron is to be formed, with planes named after the various districts contributing to the fund.

The Hon. Secretary of the British War Savings movement in India announces that nearly a quarter of a million of National Savings Certificates and bank bonds purchased through banks in India have been received since April. — Reuter.

DETERMINED ON SUICIDE

After slashing his throat with an axe, a Chinese carpenter threw himself from the third floor of the Dor Nam Teahouse No. 288, Queen's Road West, at 7.30 a.m. this morning.

The man left a note behind saying that he intended to commit suicide.

H.K. MESSAGE TO CANBERRA

The following telegram was sent by the Acting-Governor, Hong Kong, to the Prime Minister of Australia to-day: — On behalf of all communities in Hong Kong I send you an expression of our deepest sympathy with you in the terrible air tragedy which has befallen the Commonwealth of Australia.

EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS of the aeroplane disaster yesterday in which three Australian Cabinet Ministers were killed indicate that the disaster was caused by the machine stalling (losing flying speed) at a low height and spinning into the ground.

It is learned officially in Canberra that radio messages were received from the plane during the last flight.

They indicated nothing unusual had occurred after leaving Melbourne but were routine reports relating to the machine's position and progress.

Meanwhile, a statement on the disaster was made in the House of Commons in London yesterday by the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill.

Rising in a full House, Mr. Churchill said: "We have all been shocked and grieved by the news of the untimely loss which the Commonwealth of Australia, and indeed the whole Empire and its cause, has suffered in the deaths like soldiers on duty of the group of eminent Australian Ministers and high officers in an aeroplane accident.

"In this hour of battle there will be one other thought — equally spontaneous and equally widespread — close the ranks and carry on. (Cheers). The House will wish to extend sympathy to the families and friends and to Mr. Menzies: whose burden is already heavy, and in so doing to give voice to the sorrow which in so many lands will be felt by all to whom the cause of freedom is dear."

Mr. Churchill paid a personal individual tribute to all concerned and resolute men from the aid in the accident.

In the House of Lords Viscount Caldecote also paid tribute to the injury upon us all which I can memory of those who lost their lives. — Reuter.

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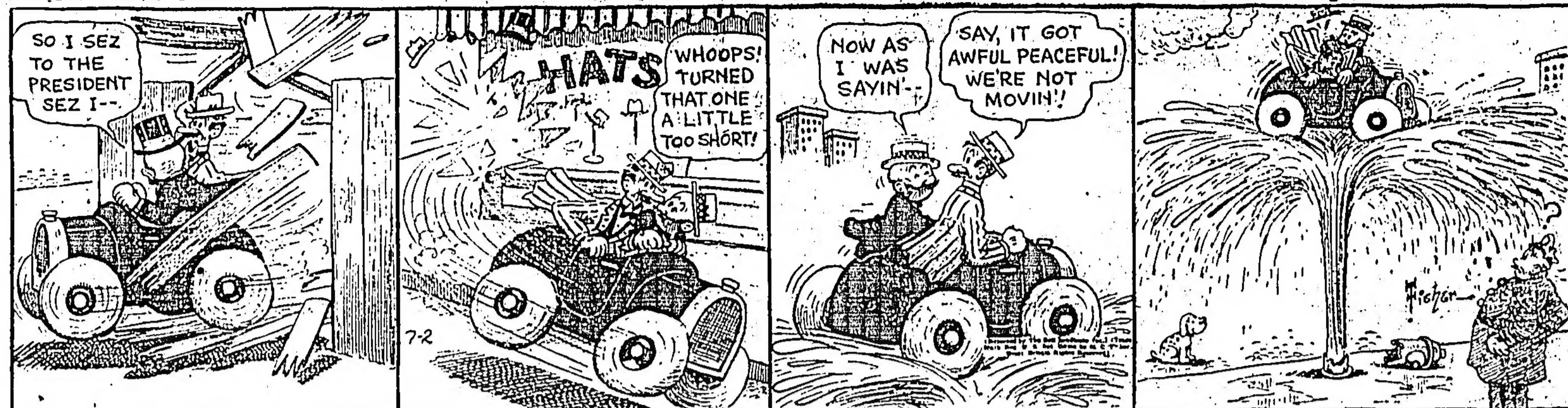
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BRITAIN AND HAILE SELASSIE

Lord Davis asked in the House of Lords yesterday whether it was the intention of Government to recognise Haile Selassie as the lawful ruler of Ethiopia and whether they proposed to give him all aid within our power to overthrow the aggressor and re-occupy his throne.

Lord Caldecote replied that Government let it be known that in view of Italy's deliberate aggression in resorting to war against this country they felt entitled to reserve complete liberty of action in regard to any commitments entered into in the past with the Italian Government relating to North and East African and Mediterranean possessions.

This declaration covered de jure recognition in the Anglo-Italian Agreement of 1938 of Italy's conquest of Abyssinia, and consequently His Majesty's Government attached full and proper importance to the points raised.

Lord Caldecote asked Lord Davis in the public interest not to press the matter further at this stage. — Reuter.

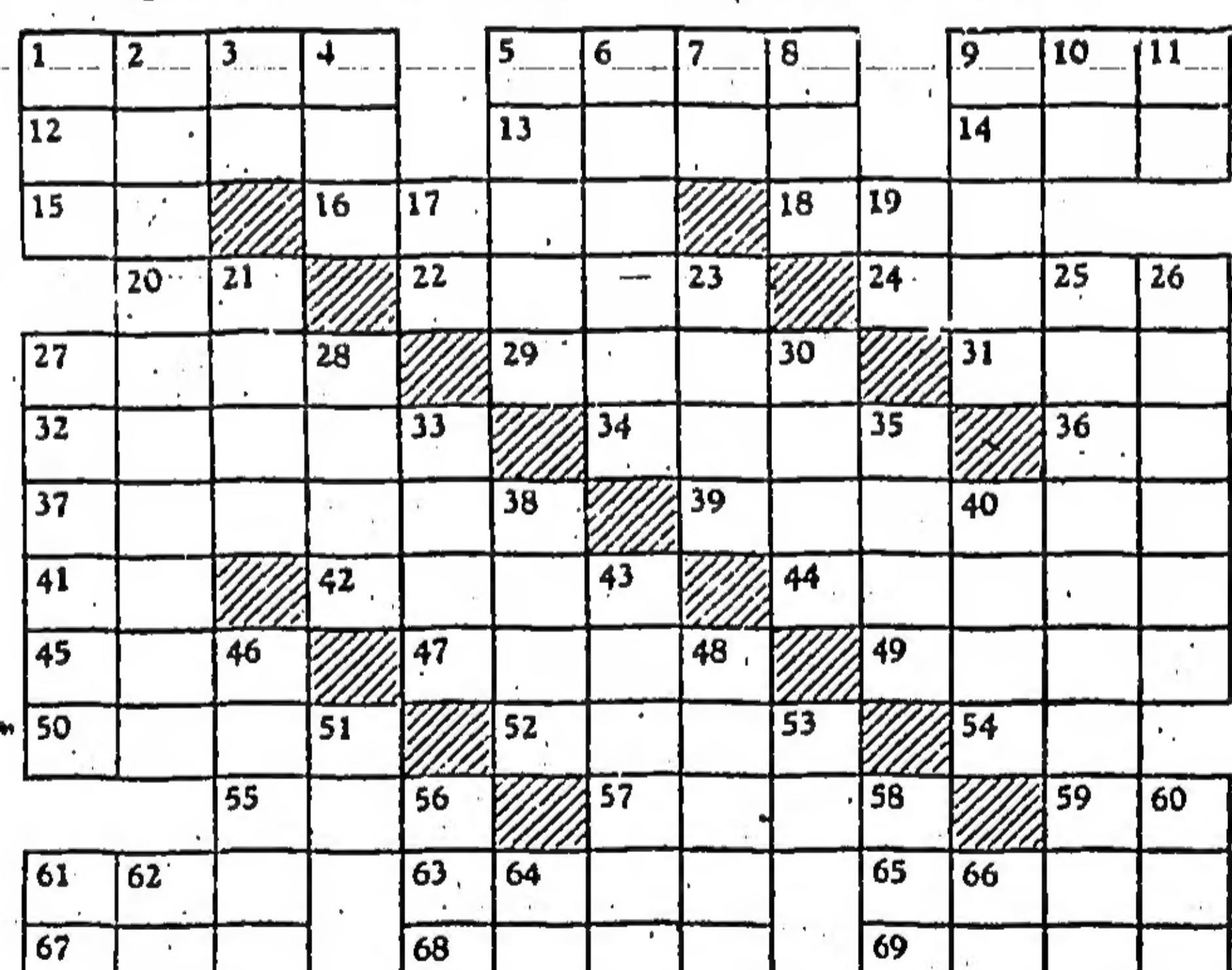
1,300 PLANES A MONTH FROM UNITED STATES

According to a Dow Jones Agency report from Washington, an aircraft production programme calling for the delivery of between 1,300 and 1,500 planes a month has been outlined for the British Purchasing Commission by the National Defence Advisory Commission, headed by Mr. Knudsen. — Reuter.

BOMBAY GIFTS FOR WAR EFFORT

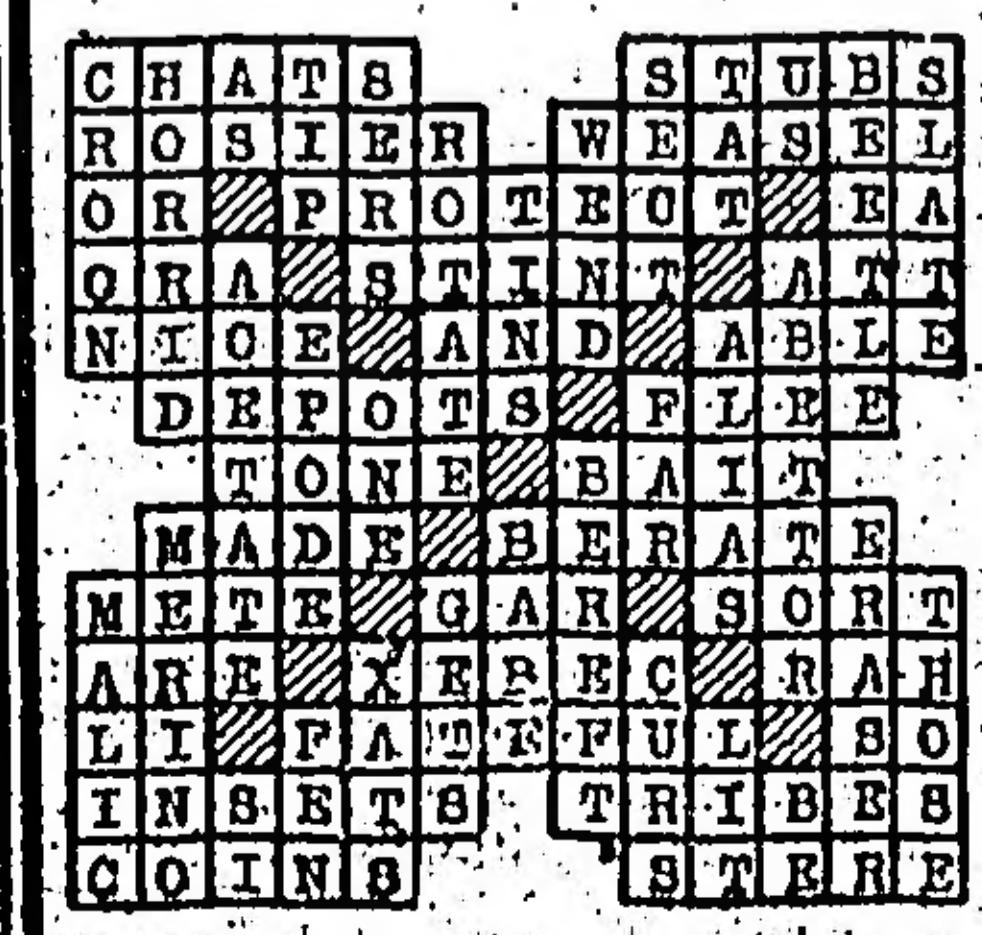
A cheque for £75,000 towards the creation of an Indian Air Squadron and a draft £11,000 for the Royal Air Force were handed to the Viceroy yesterday by Sir Homi Mody, chairman of the Bombay War Gifts Committee. — Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL
1 City in Norway
5 South American armadillo
12 Den
13 Table-land
14 Sparoid fish
15 French conjunction
16 Male pig
18 Sodium chloride
20 City in Chaldea
22 To cease
24 Moist
27 Journey
29 Girl's name
31 To disfigure
32 Demolishes
34 Goddess of discord
36 Note of scale
37 To minister to
39 Whole
41 101
42 Burden
44 Indian craft
45 Youngster
47 Small bird
49 Constraint
50 Supercilious person
52 Snare
54 By
55 Penpoint

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



AMERICAN AIRCRAFT OFFER

Mr. Arthur Purvis, head of the British purchasing commission in New York, stated yesterday that the programme for the delivery to Britain of about 1,400 planes a month was worked out in reply to the British announced desire to acquire 3,000 planes a month.

The programme had been prepared by Mr. Knudsen, chairman of the U.S. national defence advisory committee.

Mr. Purvis conferred yesterday with Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau and Mr. Edward Foley, the Treasury's general counsel.

Mr. Purvis made it clear that the British Government still seeks a large number of planes but indicated that, in the circumstances, Mr. Knudsen's programme would be accepted.

First deliveries at this rate, Mr. Purvis said, would probably begin in 1941. He added that aircraft engines still constituted a major problem in the purchasing programme. — Reuter.

CORNISH MINERS' RED CROSS DRIVE

CORNISH MINERS WHO WORKED IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 1898 HAVE MADE POSSIBLE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE RED CROSS FUND.

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The lady has now sent it to be sold in aid of the Red Cross Fund. She wishes it to be regarded as a gift from the miners and not herself, and so has asked that her name not be divulged. — Reuter.

TWO TRAWLERS LOST

The Admiralty announce that the mine-sweeping trawlers Tamarisk and Pyrope were damaged as the result of enemy air attack and subsequently sank. — Reuter.

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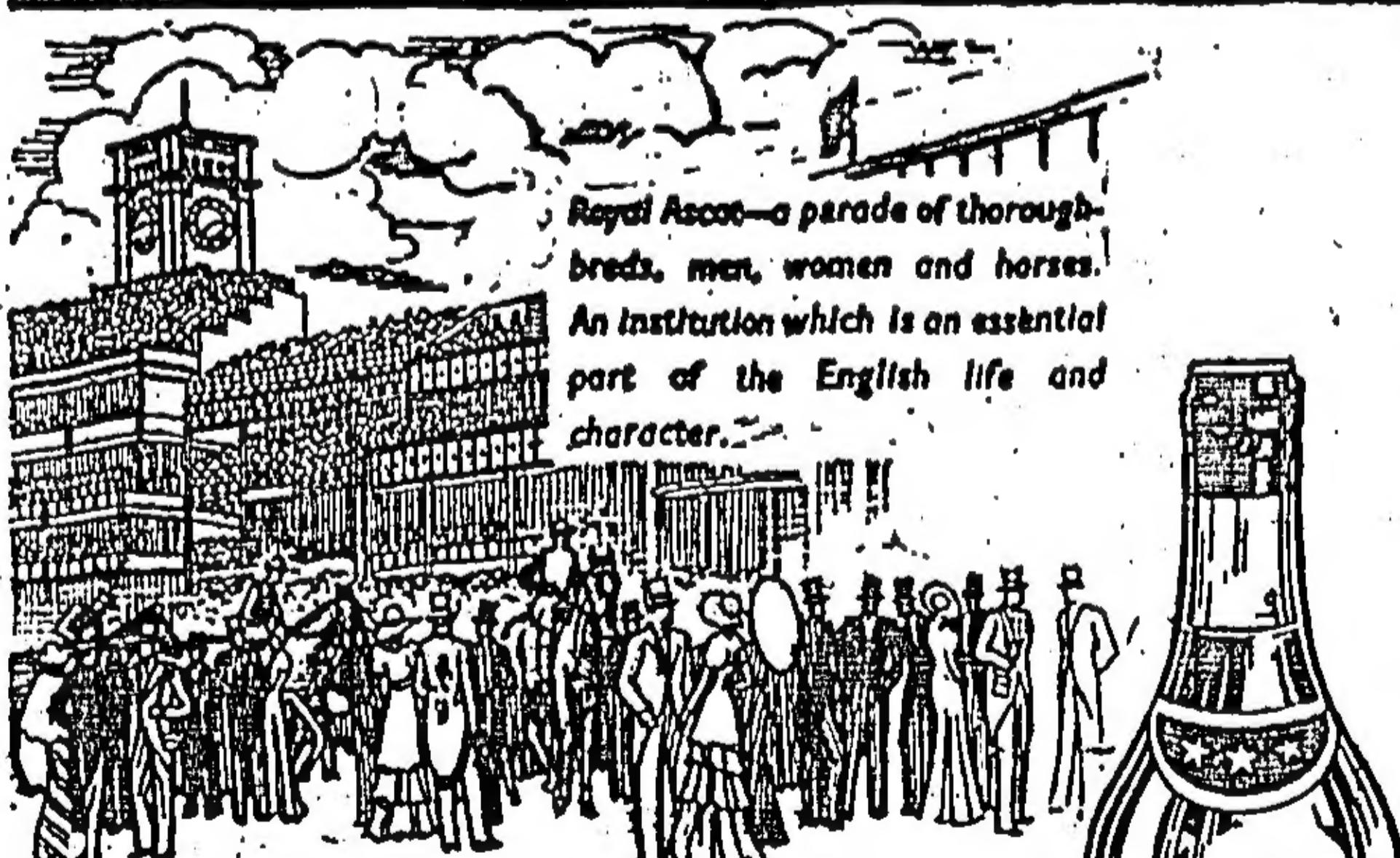
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PRECEDENT FOR BRITISH EXPORT INDUSTRY

MR. HARCOURT JOHNSTONE, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, in a statement in the Commons yesterday on the Government's new measures for aiding the export trade, said that the Export Council hitherto had formed about 270 export groups.

As a result, he thought it could be claimed that for the first time in our economic history, each of the principal export sections of industry possessed a centralised and completely representative body for discussion and negotiation.

ITALY KEEPS UP ANTI-GREEK CAMPAIGN

Rejecting Athens' explanation of the death of Dauthoggia, the Albanian "patriot," Italy yesterday intensified the attempts to stir up feeling against Greece in Albania.

Signor Gayda, in "Popolo d'Italia," for instance, declared Italy has many proofs of the political repression and persecution of Albanian nationalists living under Greek rule, and reiterates the contention that the murderers were Greeks acting for the Greek authorities.

Meanwhile, a hint that there is still trouble in Albania is contained in a cryptic statement from the Berlin correspondent of the Spanish newspaper "ABC" yesterday.

The correspondent states: "In Berlin no importance is attributed to the happenings in Albania." —Reuter.

Threatening Broadcast

Rome radio last night blamed both Britain and Greece for the murder.

The Italian announcer alleged Britain was trying "to set fire to the European powder magazine in the Balkans" and the killing of Dauthoggia was "intended to push the double-faced and so-called neutralist Metaxas Government of Greece towards its doom."

In another announcement, Rome radio stated: "There is definite proof in the hands of the Italian Government that the responsibility lies with Greece. The plot was conceived and conducted from within Greek territory."

"Don't Understand"

"In a recent speech, the Italian Foreign Minister said the borders of Albania were sacred to Italy and would be defended. The Greek Government obviously don't understand, or don't want to understand, the meaning of these words."

"The Greek Government is challenging the Axis Powers by their democratic policy of raping national liberty. These wilful mistakes cannot be tolerated in this decisive hour of European history." —Reuter.

JAPANESE SEIZE JUNK

JAPANESE NAVAL "PIRATES" CONTINUE OPERATIONS OFF THE SAN MUN CUSTOMS STATION, THE LATEST INSTANCE BEING REPORTED YESTERDAY ON THE ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG OF ONE OF THE VICTIMS.

It appears that trading junk T4347H left Haimen last Friday morning for Hong Kong with a cargo of garlic, valued at \$8,500. At about 2 p.m. the same day, when two miles off San Mun, a Japanese armed trawler stopped the junk. Four Japanese sailors boarded, and ordered the crew into a sampan. The Japanese then took the junk in tow and left.

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The primary object of these groups was to provide the allocation of raw materials for the firms manufacturing for export and arrange for the pooling of any sacrifices that might be entailed in comparison with more normal times.

It was really remarkable, he said, that in view of our total war effort we should nevertheless have been able to maintain the export trade on the scale on which it had been maintained in recent months. Our exports in the critical month of June to countries not subject to the direct effects of invasion were in some cases actually increased. With the many markets in north and south America trade was fully maintained. —Reuter.

OPIUM IN PARCEL ALLEGATION

Lam Yau-pui, 26, accountant, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lawry at the Central Magistracy this morning with sending a parcel through the General Post Office, addressed to Manila, containing 50 taels of prepared opium, on August 12.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Hearing of the case was fixed for Tuesday, August 20, at 2.30 p.m. Defendant was released on \$2,000 bail.

Senior Revenue-Officer A. W. Grimmitt is in charge of the case.

VALUABLE CAMERA STOLEN

Mr. W. W. C. Shewan, of No. 3, Leighton Hill Road, has reported the theft of a camera, valued at \$359, from his residence.

Mr. I. P. Tamworth, of the Botanical and Forestry Department, has reported the theft of a basket of clothing from his car, No. 5151, which was parked outside his office yesterday.

END OF DUALITY OF COMMAND IN RED ARMY

STALIN'S DECISION to abolish the offices of political commissars in the Red Army, is regarded as one of the most important developments in the campaign to increase the efficiency of the Soviet fighting forces.

Hitherto, these commissars have enjoyed the same rank as military commanders, whose orders had to be counter-signed by them, but now complete authority is vested in the commanders who will even bear political responsibility.

The former political commissars of the Red Army are to become "Vice-Commanders for Political Education."

Leading articles in the newspapers "Pravda" and the official organ of the Red Army, "Red Star," both declare that the political commanders which were created by Lenin and Stalin have outlived their purpose and it is now necessary to increase the authority of the officers, thereby enhancing the military power of the Soviet which is absolutely necessary in the present menacing international situation." —Reuter.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN ENGLAND

Two were killed and a number wounded by a mysterious explosion which damaged several houses on the south-east coast of England on Monday.

Although there is no official confirmation of the incident it is stated that metal fragments, believed to be shell pieces, were picked up.

One piece resembled part of a nose cap and it is suggested it may be from a British gun. —Reuter.

ITALIAN ATTACKS REPULSED

AN ITALIAN ATTACK ON THE BRITISH POSITIONS IN THE MOUNTAINS OF SOMALILAND HAS BEEN REPULSED, ANNOUNCES A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE.

Reports have just been received, says the Cairo communique, of the attacks on August 11.

In spite of intense support by aircraft, the Italian attacks were broken up and repulsed by our artillery and small arms fire. The Italians got one small local advantage but were immediately counter-attacked.

One large Italian bomber was brought down by our infantry fire. There is nothing to report from other fronts. —Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over the Pacific to the east of north Japan, and a ridge of moderately high pressure extends south-eastward to Tongking; it is relatively low over Mongolia and in a trough extending from Indo-China to the Carolines.

A depression is situated in the China Sea about 300 miles south-east of the Paracels moving west; another is to the north of Yap, direction unknown.

DECREE NISI GRANTED

In the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Davis William Yee was granted a decree nisi in his petition for the dissolution of his marriage with Lucille Rita Yee.

Petitioner was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr., instructed by Mr. M. A. Silva.

The respondent was absent and the case was not defended.

Mr. D. S. Robb, of No. 524, The Peak, has reported that a coat and an umbrella, valued at \$70, were stolen from his residence between August 4 and 5.

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JAPAN AND THE MOON

Japan has no doubt been offered the moon by Germany if only she will come in and embarrass the Allies. What has happened in Indo-China is either a proof of German duplicity or of Japan's refusal to deal with Germany on her terms.

The Governor-General of Indo-China was removed from his post because he was not in sympathy with the Vichy Government and was replaced by Monsieur de Coux who was. Obviously this met with the approval of Hitler who said in the armistice terms that France would be allowed to retain naval forces for the defence of her colonies. Germany having conquered France naturally claims the right to dispose of her colonies.

The peace terms may be very different from the armistice terms, but for the time being French colonies were to be administered and protected by French forces.

French warships and four divisions of French troops are either on their way or are already stationed in Indo-China. On the face of it, it is clear that a Japanese attack on Indo-China would not have the approval of Hitler.

It may be, however, and it is not at all unlikely that Hitler has double-crossed France. Having removed the pro-British Governor-General, and weakened the Allies' strategic position in the Far East, it looks as though the obedience of the Vichy Government had been in vain. Germany has told Japan to go ahead and stake her claims in Indo-China.

It is too much to assume that Japan is going into Indo-China in defiance of Hitler and yet that would be the reasonable interpretation of this movement if we assume that Germany is going to respect the Armistice terms. The influence of the German Ambassador and his Nazi supporters, however, is too strong in Tokyo to permit such a view being held.

It is obvious that the Axis between Berlin and Tokyo which cracked suddenly in August 1939, has been welded by the application of a good deal of soft soap.

Outwardly at any rate it looks alright; the great thing is to make the Japanese end of it turn. The Japanese, however, are

Picturesque Annam-And Its Emperor

Some people say Hue deserves to be classed as one of the three wonders of Indo-China — the other two being Angkor and the Baie d'Along. But 'wonder' seems too strong and active a word for a place as subtle and lazy as Hue. It is like a mild wine that never intoxicates and never quite heats the blood, but gives you an entirely complacent feeling.

For nearly 150 years the present dynasty of Annamite emperors have held their picturesque and elaborate court in the town of Hue. Here, with their poker-faced mandarins about them, they have been settling the affairs of some 20,000,000 subjects who consider themselves lucky if they possess one garment and rich if the garment is without patches. It takes about six square miles to house the Emperor, his ministers and court functionaries, and this doesn't allow for the royal elephants who have been stabled elsewhere.

This is not entirely due, a palace guard hastened to explain, to congestion inside the palace compound, but because the elephants had eaten all available food there and somebody hit upon the practical idea of moving the elephants

naturally suspicious. They are not quite sure whether they will be allowed to retain Indo-China even if they won it. Then this may be a dark plot on the part of Russia which watches not without pleasure the slow bleeding process to which Japan has been subjected during the past three years. If Japan gets involved in another war, well Russia will be in the happy position of superiority for many years to come.

This movement south by Japan is due to pressure from the north on the part of Russia. Germany was really responsible for Japan's exclusion from that region for she strengthened Russia by her pact with her, betrayed Japan and left her friendless in the midst of all this European turmoil. The re-orientation of policy is an attempt to please Japan, appease Russia and antagonise the United States.

The benefits if any of such a policy even if it fails will accrue to Germany, the risks will belong entirely to Japan, for it must be repeated that Germany can in no way help Japan should she become involved with a foreign power such as the United States. If Japan had only left China alone, her national strength would have enforced respect, as her prestige would have remained unimpaired.

Nothing is so galling as to have won high honour as the result of a victorious campaign over a powerful neighbour, like Russia, and then to have lost it in a contest with a reputedly weak one, like China.

to the new larder, instead of bringing tons of spinach (in the form of thorny pineapple leaves) daily to the elephants.

River Of Perfumes

The River of Perfumes flows through the centre of Hue. And in some bewitched fashion it is not muddy, or fouled, or smelling of dead fish. It is just what its name implies, a gentle blue stream bringing with it the identified scent of verbena of frangipani, and of jasmine. Mingled with these is the languorous perfume of millions of unseen, unidentified blossoms.

The palace opens back from the river through a series of porcelain arches and tiered gates. Each is covered with a jewelled mosaic of softly coloured glass and china. They are like necklaces of rubies and aquamarines magnified into life-size, and are very satisfying. They are not gaudy, for they have none of the bold purple of the bougainvillea and the wanton scarlet of the flamboyant blossoms near by.

Inside the gates there is a bewildering assortment of the quaint, the bizarre, the majestic, and the really beautiful. There are palace guards in khaki shorts playing football, there are hibiscus-richmed lakes, porcelain summer pavilions, a terrace of dynastic urns, and latticed haremms where previous generations of concubines lacquered their teeth and envied no one.

There are forests of banana trees hanging limply green in the amber light, and there are streets like those in a building-block town where every tiny white house is identical. These are for the Emperor's ministers who themselves are so identical that they wear plaques on their chests to vouch for individuality in their names.

Semblance Of Antiquity

These mandarins move so effortlessly they seem to be on castors. None of them looks less than a century old. Perhaps the serenity of their gaze lends this semblance of antiquity, or may be it is the medieval costumes and the up-turned toes of their slippers.

Strung about their necks, like decanters of sherry and port, are the plaques with their titles—but not their years—engraved on them. Many of the plaques are of gold; but those mandarins whom the Emperor delights to honour have plaques of jade, with maybe the special title of 'Luminous Friend of the Celestial Door-keeper' or 'Companion of Virtuous Green Dragon.'

I am sure that if I had been

one of those mandarins I never could have walked so serenely because I would be perplexed by that adjective 'luminous.' It wouldn't be a smoother way of saying 'it' would it? And why 'virtuous' dragon? It seems to

me if you have to spend your time with dragons they'd better be breathing fire and generally acting hellish. A "virtuous" dragon sounds too much like spending an afternoon when a deaf aunt.

However, these Ministers are

not just quaint remainders of

another era. In their bloodless

attenuated fingers are the threads

of government. That is, such in-

ternal government as the An-

namites nominally administer

these days.

France concerns itself with protecting the Emperor from usurping-minded cousins: with defending the country against attacks of acquisitive neighbours: and in addition holds itself responsible for foreign relations, public works, and collection of customs.

This allows the Annamite government to pronounce its sovereign rule loud enough for the natives to hear, and to collect taxes from them.

Loyalty Of Masses To France

France counts heavily on the Emperor and his traditional mandarins attracting the loyalty of the masses, and of this there has been a fairly constant supply. It is with the Emperors themselves that there has been difficulty.

France first took a hand in Annamite affairs in 1801 and since then has made successive treaties with successive members of the dynasty. However, the heat, or "bad spirits" blowing up from the south or distillation of the cold hate in their hearts, has given the Annamites little reverence for their signed word, and no sooner were some of the treaties stamped with big red seals than they were broken.

Then France sent more soldiers, established a protectorate over a little more land, and a new treaty was signed and fixed with more red seals—until the next time.

A treaty which is called "final" was made in 1884, and it is pointed to as still being effective today. Maybe it is, but twice since then, in 1907 and again in 1916, Annamite emperors were taken for nice long rides on steamers to the French island of Reunion off the east coast of Africa, and have never been given a return ticket.

The present Emperor, Boe-dai, was given a boat ride too, but it was to a school in France when he was six years old. When he

returned fourteen years later, in

1932, it was to sit on the ornate throne his frail consumptive young father had vacated a few years before for the still more ornate tomb he had built for himself at a cost of 12,000,000 francs.

The Imperial family of Annam holds relationship with former emperors of China, and following the Chinese custom, the Annamite Monarch of to-day calls himself Son of Heaven. He stands as absolute authority in the minds of his subjects because he is the core also of their religious beliefs.

He alone can make sacrifices to heaven for them, therefore any disobedience to him is not only sacrilegious, but also calamitous. Heretofore the Annamite Emperors have made their persons mysterious and far-removed from everyday life. The French-educated Boa-dai departs from this custom.

Emperor's Love Of Speed

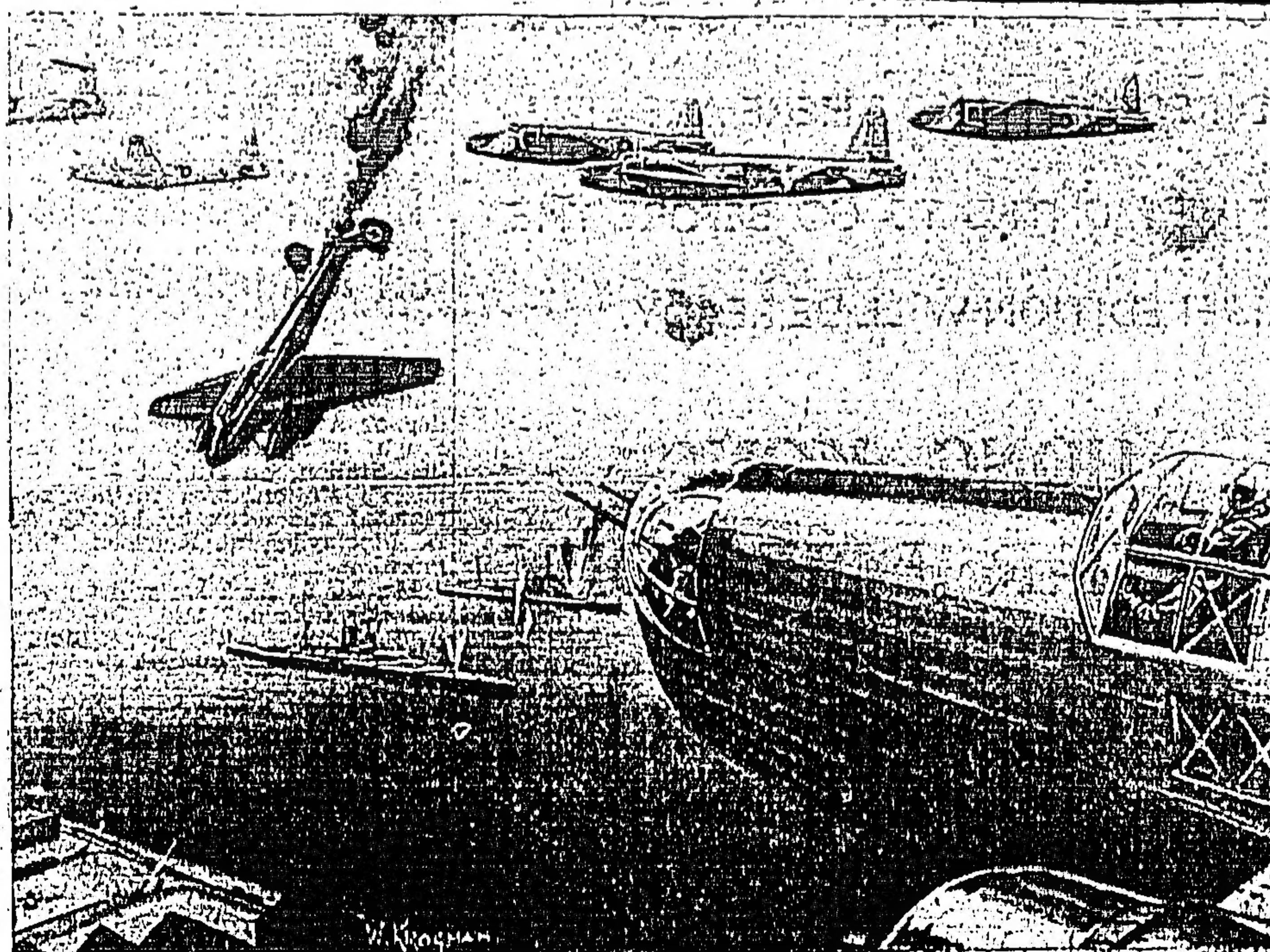
When 26-year-old Boa-dai goes through the gates of the royal palace (which were built to accommodate elephant processions) it is in a specially-gearred American racing car, or in an American speedboat. The French say he

got his love of speed during the years he was in school in France: the Annamites subjects say it is merely a part of his celestial inheritance, and they nod with pride when his natty little speed-boat goes tearing down the glazed channel of the River of Perfumes.

The drone of the motor can be heard all over the town and far into the surrounding hills, and the copper-coloured peasants along the road nod to each other and say: "Ah, that means it is nearly four o'clock and the Heavenly Son is on his way to Ming Manh's park." Nor do they see anything incongruous in the spectacle of the young Emperor using a speedboat, taking along his one wife and may be a cousin or two, a picnic lunch, and going to enjoy himself at the tomb of one of the grandfathers of his dynasty.

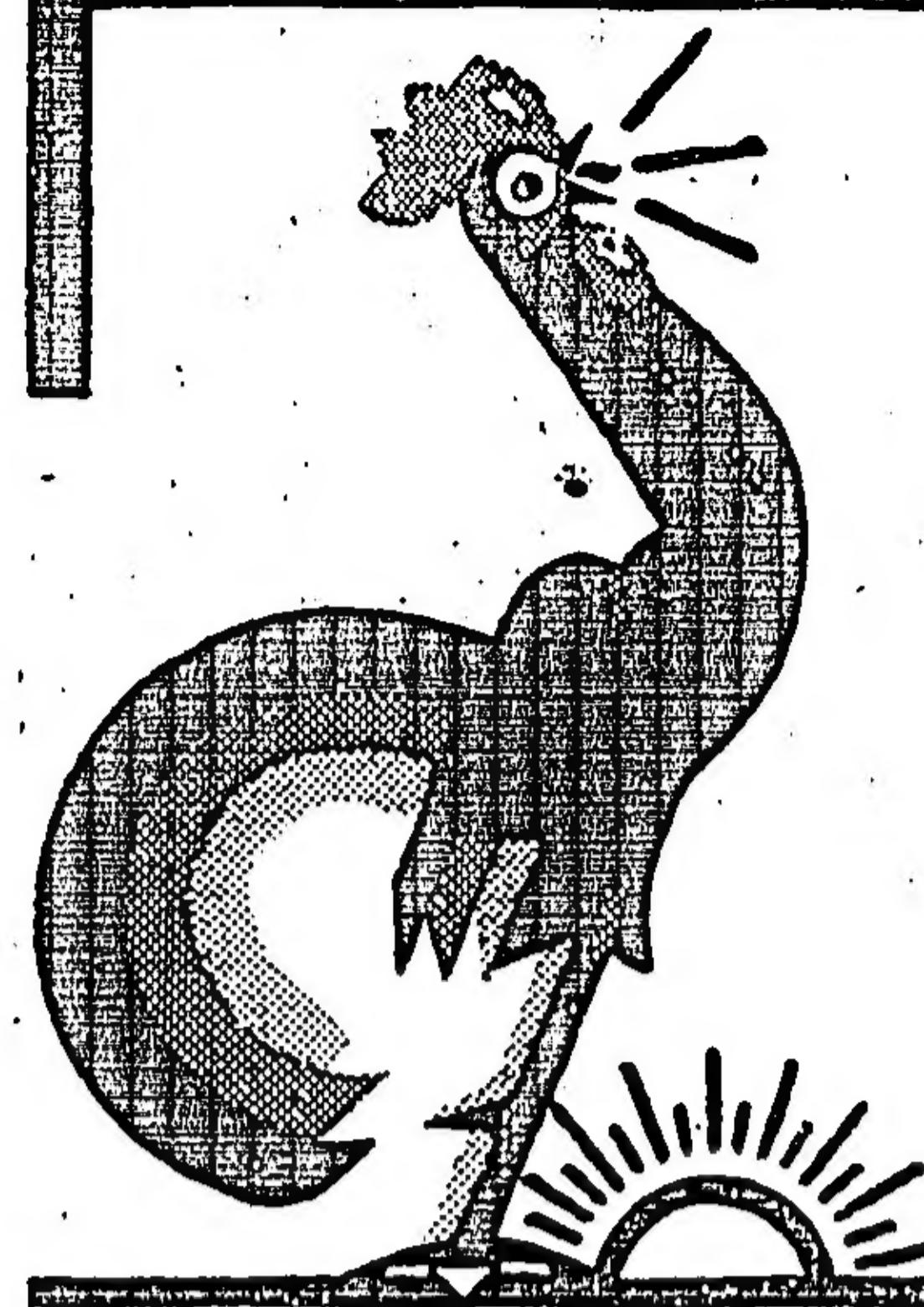
In Hanoi, again in Hue, and later in Saigon, I heard talk of a Communist Party—or rather, of a band of Annamites, Tonkinese, and Cochinchinese, who hope to rid their country of French rule and even of an Emperor, and set up instead a soviet system of rule.

One report credited this Communist group with 20,000 secret members. Other reports pooh-poohed at such a large number and said that perhaps a fifth of that number would cover all members and sympathisers. No outsiders seem to take the group very seriously—there is the climate, they say, that makes revolutionary feelings very fatiguing.



This sketch illustration shows a bombing raid on a German naval base. A gunner in the power-operated turret of a "Wellington" bomber, is bringing down an Me 109, whilst the formation is still maintained.

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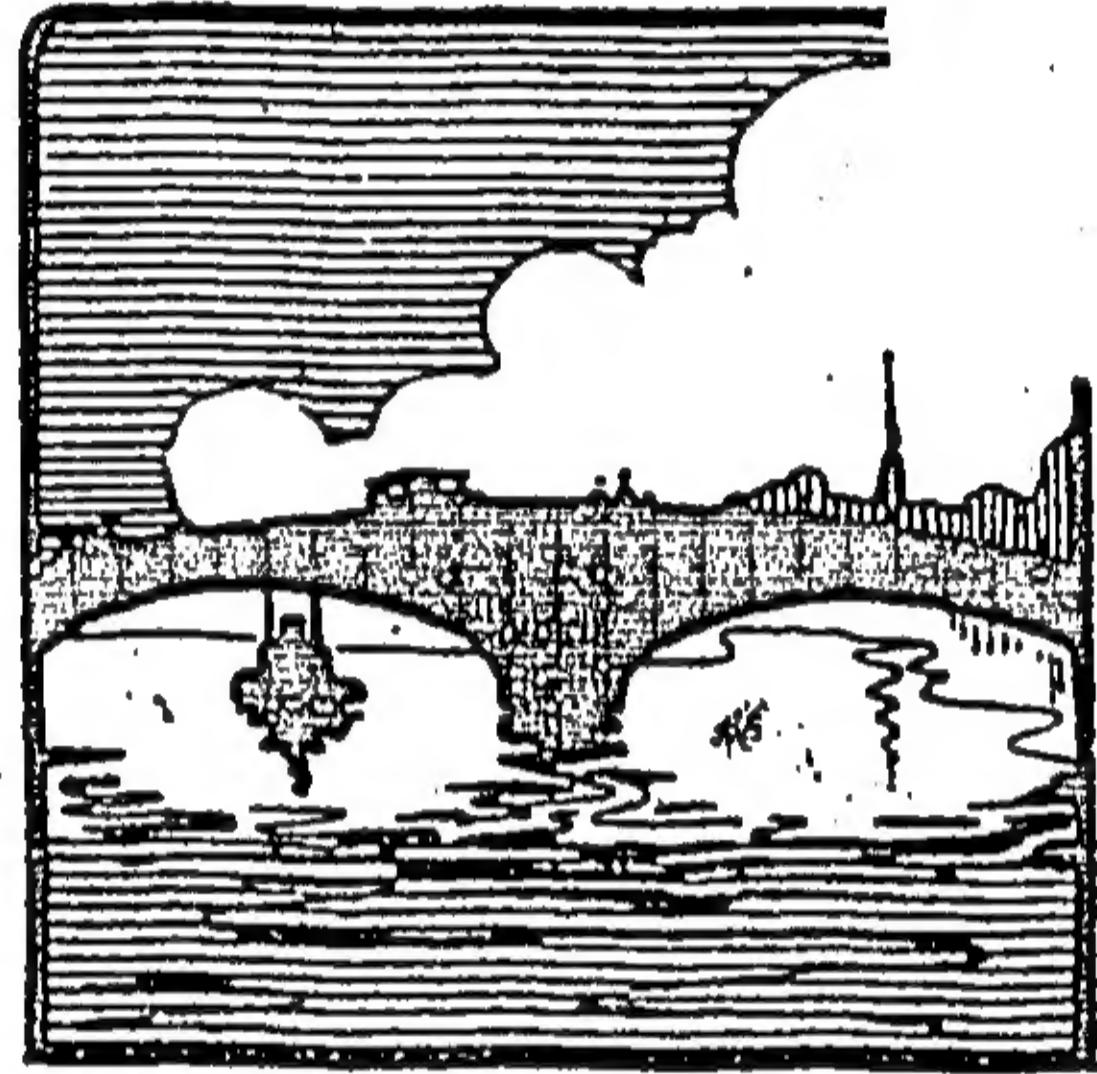


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YAUMATI DAYTIME KIDNAPPING BY GUNMEN FOILED

A DARING DAYLIGHT attempt to kidnap Mr. Fung Kim-sang, wealthy business man and owner of two of the biggest Chinese restaurants in Hong Kong, was unsuccessfully carried out in the Yaumati District yesterday morning by three armed men.

Mr. Fung, owner of the Tai Tung Restaurant in Des Voeux Road Central and the Tai Ping Restaurant in Yaumati, was crossing the harbour from Hong Kong to Kowloon in a Yaumati ferry launch at 8 a.m. yesterday when he observed three men following him.

CHINA'S AIR SUCCESSES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ON THE OCCASION OF AIR FORCE DAY, THE CHUNGKING AUTHORITIES HAVE RELEASED A MESSAGE ADDRESSED TO ALL CHINESE PEOPLE STRESSING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE AIR FORCE HEROISM.

According to official figures 848 Japanese planes have been downed, 1,148 Japanese airmen killed and 40 Japanese warships sunk by the Chinese airforce.

The message appeals to Chinese youth to be prepared physically and morally and to contribute to the development of the air industry.

The Government also appealed to all Chinese to extend financial contributions to the development of aviation. — Havas.

U.S. TRADE IN ASIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI BUSINESS QUARTERS STRESS THE FACT THAT UNITED STATES TRADE WITH CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINES TOGETHER DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1940 SURPASSED JAPANESE-AMERICAN TRADE WHOSE RESPECTIVE FIGURES ARE U.S. \$191 MILLION AND 173 MILLION.

Before the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, Japan-American trade was three times more voluminous than Sino-American trade.

The first two and a half years of the Sino-Japanese war increased Japan's share in American trade but since the beginning of the current year and for the past six months Japan's trade with the United States has diminished. — Havas.

INDIAN CONSTABLE ON MURDER CHARGE

An Indian constable, Man Singh, attached to Taipo Police Station, charged with the murder of a fellow constable Nazar Singh, attached to Yaumati Police Station, on August 6 at the latter's station, was further remanded one week by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfayden at Kowloon this morning.

Mr. M. A. da Silva will appear for the defence and Inspector A. E. Carey for the prosecution.

SCOTLAND YARD HOLDS DUTCH ARMY OFFICER

An officer of the Dutch Army has been detained in London by the Special Branch of Scotland Yard.

This officer had previously been questioned in Holland, but there was not then considered to be sufficient material to warrant action being taken.

SPARROW TRAPPER CAUGHT

Pleading guilty to possession

of seven wild sparrows in Ma-tau-wai Road yesterday, So Dong, 26, was fined \$10 or two weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Hinsworth at Kowloon this morning.

The sparrows were covered in gum and a stick with gum and a tin of gum were also found in the basket, showing how accused had caught the birds.

CATHOLIC SERVICE OF ORDINATION

There will be an ordination ceremony in the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road, at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning when nine deacons will be raised to the priesthood. Of these, four are members of the Hong Kong Vicariate, all Chinese, and five are Salesians, of whom one is Chinese. The ordination ceremony will be performed by Bishop Valtorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong.

BOMB ON BED DIDN'T SCARE HER

An example to all was set by an eighty-one-year-old woman during a recent air raid.

It is vouched for by the head of an air raid precautions organisation at an East Coast town. The woman was lying in bed when an incendiary bomb crashed through the roof of her house, falling on to her bedstead.

She immediately folded bedclothes over the bomb, went downstairs and called a warden.

The warden extinguished the bomb with sand and came downstairs to find the old woman playing Patience with cards on the kitchen table.

She later made up another bed and went to sleep as if nothing had happened.

LIFE IN THE WAR CAPITALS

The New York "Post" yesterday devoted a full page to reports of their daily lives by the newspaper's correspondents in London, Berlin and Rome.

The London correspondent headlined: Life for Britons runs along calmly, war or no war. Black-outs, balloons, late buses, air raids; all are part of normalcy now.

The Berlin correspondent said: Sleep, soap, butter and news are scarce in the Reich's capital. Taxi, shoe leather and cigarette problems, let alone air raids, plague correspondent.

The Rome correspondent says: Four meatless days keep Italians reminded that they are in the war. — Reuter.

JAPANESE STAGE SHAM BATTLE

Marking the third anniversary of the Shanghai hostilities, units of the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party staged a sham battle yesterday morning in the Chapel area, in Japanese-controlled territory in the northern section of the International Settlement, where bloody fighting took place three years ago.

Barbed wire, sandbags, machine-guns and tanks lent realism to the manoeuvres. The Japanese forces paraded afterwards. — Reuter.

SERVANT'S SIT-DOWN STRIKE IN BATHROOM

After a wages dispute with her mistress a sixteen-year-old girl servant staged a sit-down strike in the bathroom.

The police had to be called to remove her.

At Lambeth Juvenile Court the girl was sent to a remand home for fourteen days as being in 1.45 in the morning.

She had been found walking the Embankment, London, at 1.45 in the morning.

The girl said she came from Wales.

RISKED HIS LIFE FOR TANK'S 'BATTLE FLAG'

FLYING A BRASSIERE as a battle pennant, a British tank went into action. After routing enemy tanks, it was hit by an incendiary shell. The radio man risked his life to save the brassiere — it had once belonged to a girl friend.

That is one story told by survivors of the gallant band who were ready to die at Calais so that their comrades might win out.

I talked with some of them in the quiet of the English countryside, writes a reporter. They told their stories simply. The words came slowly—except when they talked of going back. Then: "It'll be different next time."

Trooper J. Cook, of Peterborough, Northants, tank radio operator told me:

"When we set out to meet the enemy I tied the brassiere on the aerial. It seemed to be in keeping with the mood of the men.

Didn't Give A Damn

"They just did not give a damn for anything. They were singing and laughing and anybody would have thought it was a motor-coach trip setting out."

It was another member of the crew who told me that Cook had risked his life to save the brassiere, after their tank had been set on fire.

"We had stopped a few enemy tanks when there was a crash and a hiss," he said. "An incendiary shell whizzed through Cook's legs."

"He looked a bit surprised. He was not hurt, but Gunner Studley was injured in the arm.

Snatched Brassiere

"The next second the tank was filled with a brilliant blue flame. It was impossible to see anything, and it got damned hot. The commander told the driver to reverse and then gave orders to abandon the tank.

"Cook suddenly leapt on the tank and snatched the brassiere from the aerial. How he escaped being hit was a marvel."

SUDDEN DEATH IN PILKEM STREET

The body of Theodore Jose Thomas, 52-year-old Eurasian, was removed to the Kowloon Public Mortuary last evening.

The man was reported to have collapsed and died in the top floor of No. 21, Pilkem Street, Yaumati, at 3 p.m.

The police are making investigations.

GET D.F.C. --AND ON WITH THE DAY'S WORK

Just before they took off to give battle to Nazi raiders on Monday, two R.A.F. pilots — a Canadian and a South African — learned that they had been awarded the D.F.C.

The Canadian then shot down two more enemy planes, bringing his bag up to six, and the South African also brought his bag to six.

Describing the fight later, the Canadian said that the three Hurricanes he was leading attacked nine Messerschmidts.

He saw the South African pilot shoot one German down, and the other pilot then sent a second down towards the sea. They did not see this one actually crash, so have not claimed it. Oil from another Messerschmidt covered the Canadian's entire plane as he followed it down and saw it crash into the sea.

He climbed up to 15,000 feet and saw a Messerschmidt chasing a Hurricane.

He dived on its tail. It promptly climbed up 5,000 feet and the Canadian followed. He put one burst of machine-gun fire into it and that was enough. The Messerschmidt blew up in mid-air, and the R.A.F. pilot watched the pieces fall down into the sea far below.—Reuter.

The official quotation in London for the Swiss franc was raised yesterday from 17.70/17.80 to 17.65/17.75 to the Pound.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI BOY WAR PRISONER IN GERMANY

A VIVID PICTURE of life as a war prisoner in Germany is portrayed in a letter just received in Shanghai from Flying Officer Colin Peach of the R.A.F. whose friends would be glad to learn that he is a prisoner in Germany, although his name appeared in the casualty list recently.

The author of the missive is doing well, but deplores the restrictions in correspondence, being allowed to write no more than three letters each month.

Extracts from his letter follow: "I presume that by now you have had an official notification of my being a prisoner of war, not really so bad as it seems, as a chap remarked to me on being arrested, 'for you the war is over.'

Sorry For The Bother

"Let's hope it is over for everyone soon. A recent R.A.F. arrival informs me that I was posted as prisoner of war in the casualty lists, so guess you received a telegram settling the question of my whereabouts. Sorry for the bother I caused.

"We have moved to a camp for British prisoners; it is an old feudal castle positioned on the top of a hill amidst very pleasant country, about 1,500 feet up, I guess, so the atmosphere is really of you."

"We have had a lot of sunshine and I spend a lot of my time reading and sunbathing, have quite a tan by now. We have a pretty good bunch of chaps and lots of books, food is good, but of course not luxurious, however I have no doubt it will do one good. We go to bed at 9.30 and rise at seven, so you can imagine we lead a pretty healthy life.

"At present we are allowed to write three letters and four cards per month, so have not a lot to spare. My beard is coming on fine and is almost red colour, so Dad's colouring comes out somewhere. I have had my head shaved, so appear quite a villainous person at present.

"Food is supplemented by Red Cross parcels, and I hope to get a few clothes from them soon; meanwhile all goes well and am as fit as ever, give my regards to everyone, cheerio for the present and best of luck and love to all."

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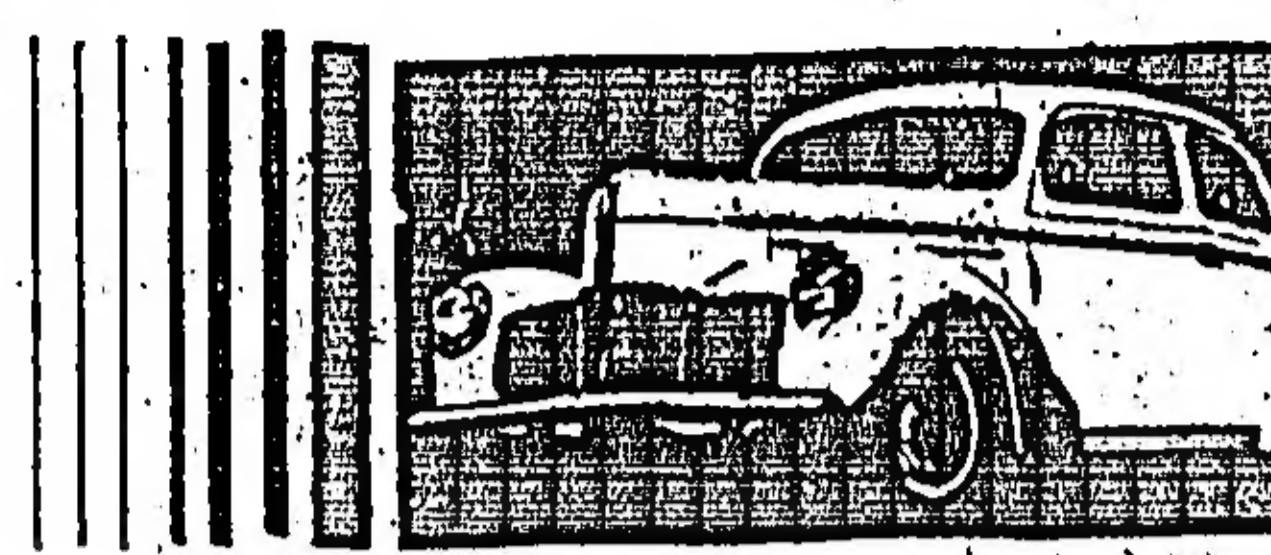
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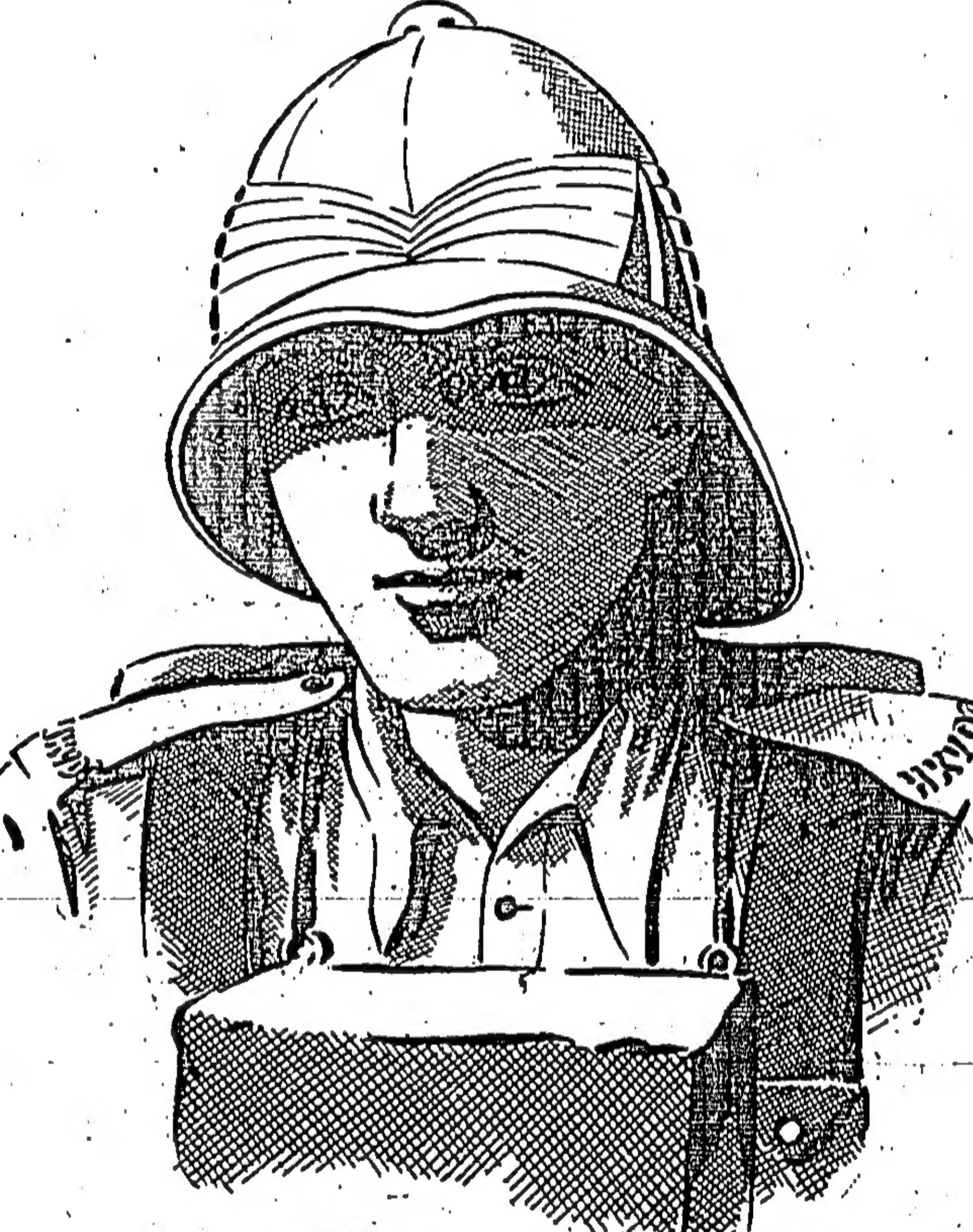
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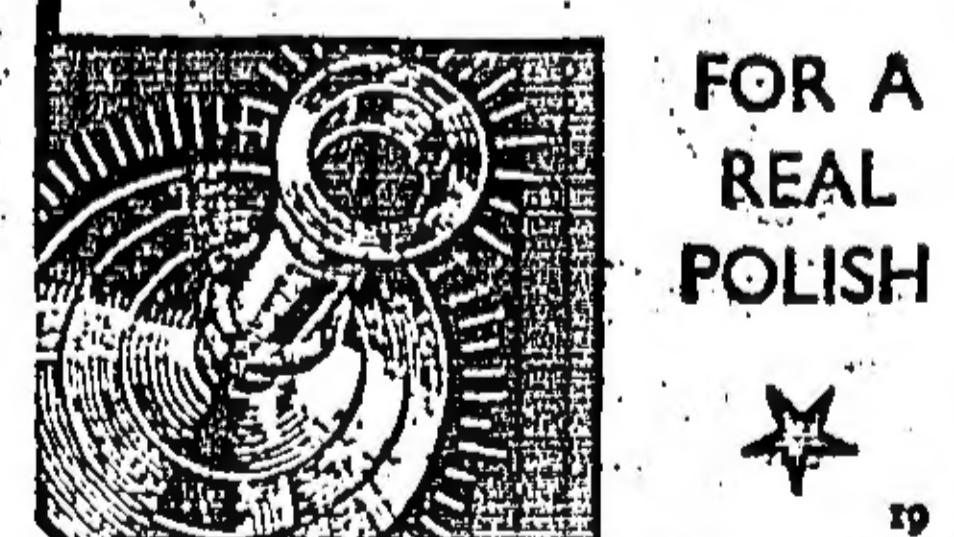
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♥ Q 10 6 4	♥ K Q J 7 2	♥ K J 3	♥ 10 9
♦ 10	♦ 9 8 5 4	♦ 9 6	♦ 8 7 5 4
♦ A K J	♦ A 6 5	♦ A Q 10	♦ 8 7 5 4

The bidding:

South West North East
1NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

West opened the King of hearts, holding the trick. He continued with the Queen of hearts, and South took his Ace. Declarer next cashed two of dummy's high clubs and sat back to think when West discarded a spade on the second club.

South saw that he could pick up East's remaining club, but then the eight of clubs would block the suit. If he won only four club tricks, he would need an extra spade or diamond—but an unsuccessful finesse would allow West to defeat the contract with that trick and the rest of the hearts.

If only he could tear up that extra club! Finally he saw a way to get rid of the embarrassing card. He simply led a heart. West won and was powerless to defeat the contract. If he took one or both of his hearts, South would discard a club and run nine tricks as soon as the hearts came to an end. And if West shifted to spades or diamonds, South would get only four club tricks but would win his ninth trick in whichever suit West led.

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Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, held:

♦ 6 3	♦ Q 9 8	♦ A Q 10 7 4	♦ K 6 2
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The bidding:
Maler Schenken You Jacoby
1♦ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. You have a good hand but there's no need to rush matters. Show your suit and await developments. Score 100% for two diamonds, 30% for two no-trump.

QUESTION NO. 488
To-day you hold the same hand and the bidding continues:

Maler Schenken You Jacoby
1♦ Pass 2♦ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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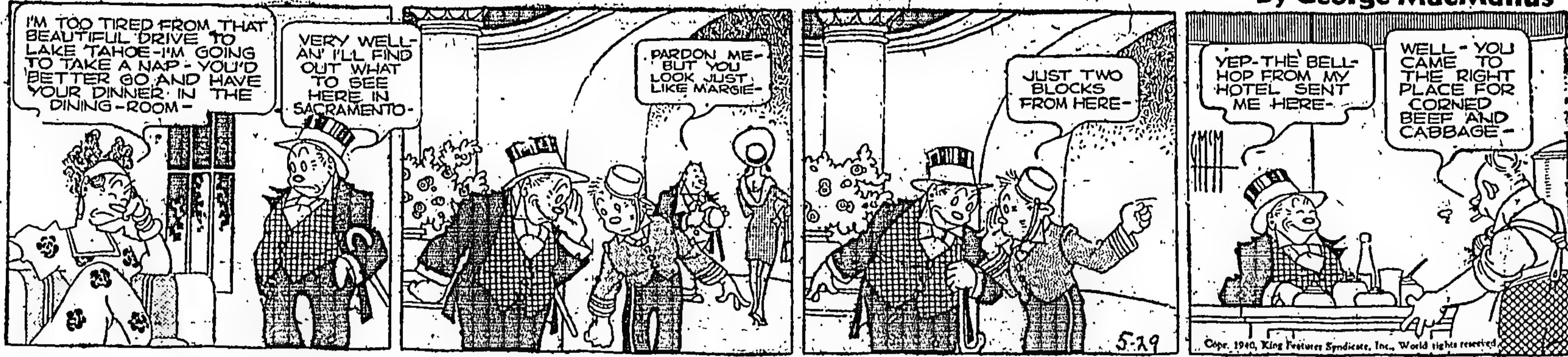
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Bringing Up Father



By George MacManus

A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Refreshing Drinks

Cooling And Simple To Prepare

The question of the moment—mainly for hostesses and housewives alike—is a new cooling drink. Something delectable which one can drink whether one is hot or cold, which takes little or no preparation, and is both thirst quenching and energy-giving and good for August entertaining. There are, of course, many excellent beverages on the market which fulfil all these qualities, but it is up to the cook or house-wife who prides herself on a little originality to use these ready-made mixtures as a basis for any number of variations of her own.

Don't be afraid of imbibing too much water in warm weather. Provided it is taken at wise times, it is immensely refreshing, sustaining and health-giving, and (a note to mothers) children need three times as much as grown-ups. It's a useful thing to remember, when a child's appetite fails, that he can generally drink quite successfully, so you can introduce nourishment into his diet by means of drinks, if you are wily in their preparation.

To start with the simplest and best of all basic recipes, let me recommend my own special lemon mixture, which contains glucose D—excellent for energy and nourishment.

Health Lemonade

1 large yellow lemon
1 heaped tablespoon Glucose D
1 egg white
1 tablespoon castor sugar.
1 pint water
2 lumps sugar

Wash the lemon to remove any possible dirt, then rub the rind with the two lumps of sugar, until they are impregnated with the oil of lemon contained in the skin. Place the lumps of sugar in a glass or china jug (not enamel or aluminium, please), add the re-

maining sugar and the juice of the lemon which you have strained clear of pips. Stir in the water and glucose, and leave till the sugar and glucose have dissolved.

Whip the white of egg stiffly, adding a little sugar and vanilla essence, if you prefer it to be flavoured, then put a generous spoonful of white of egg on top of each glass of lemonade. Serve with straws, if possible, and a flake of ice to each glass.

Guava Syrup

1 lb. Guavas
1/2 lb. white sugar
Wash and pick over the currents, removing all stalks and leaves. Put them in the top half of a double saucepan over boiling water, and leave until the fruit is soft enough to be broken easily with a spoon.

Strain the pulp through flannel, and put into a saucepan and bring swiftly to the boil. When it is on the boil, steadily stir in the sugar (previously heated in the oven) and allow it to boil for fifteen minutes after the sugar has thoroughly dissolved. Stir it continuously while it boils.

Milk Shakes

These delicious drinks are simply milk shaken up with fruit or other sweet flavours, iced if you like, and served cold. A lump of vanilla ice or any other flavoured ice-cream greatly adds to the glamour of the drink, as well as to its nourishing value, and a dab of whipped cream or white of egg to top it, makes it look most provocative.

It is possible to make several fruit syrups in the same way as you made the guava syrup, so these can add variety to your shakes. Cold cocoa with extra milk, and coffee with extra milk are other excellent flavours, and of course, the almond essence,

vanilla essence and other flavours in your grocery cupboard.

If you are making a plain milk shake merely with flavouring and milk, it is a good idea to add the beaten yolk of an egg to give it "body." You will not taste the yolk if you add just a little extra flavouring.

Cider And Pineapple Cup

1 pint cider
1 pint pineapple juice
Thinly sliced cucumber
Stir all the ingredients together, and leave to stand for an hour or so before cooling and serving. If you can manage ice cubes, do some ice to this cup—it's a great improvement.

Iced Tea

I wonder if it will ever occur to us that in cold tea, without milk, we have one of the most refreshing and thirst-quenching drinks in the world. Make your tea as usual, but pour off the liquid after three minutes infusing, and leave to cool in a clean tea-pot.

Serve in glasses or glass cups, if you happen to possess them, with thin slices of lemon, a sprig or two of mint, and half an ice cube.

Nourishing Thirst Quencher

1/2 pint made meat or vegetable extract
1/2 pint bottled tomato juice
1 dessertspoon Worcester sauce
1 or 2 mint leaves
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Wash and chop the mint very finely, and stir into the extract. Add the tomato juice, and shake well together. Finally stir in the Worcester sauce and pepper, shake again, and put into a bottle ready for serving.

You will find this is a most appetising and energy-giving drink, particularly for picnics. Accompanied with brown bread cheese sandwiches it makes the most satisfying lunch I know.

Consider Proportions

The cardinal rule of figure fashioning, for the woman of forty-plus, is to master a sense of proportion. Why strive for a tiny waist if your hips and bust are large. And too slim hips are no beauty asset to the middle-aged woman who has broad shoulders and an extra heavy bosom.

Once your figure has reached lovely proportions, your problem is too refashion it in scale. For example, a very slender woman whose hips have spread considerably, must either bring down her hip measurement, if possible, or bring her whole body into scale with her hip measurement. The short woman must avoid broadening effects; and the tall woman must seek to broaden her figure a bit. Thus one may approach the proportions of a normally beautiful figure, without actually having the measurements of one.

Much May Be Done

With Clothes

Quoting from a fashion expert I pass on to you these words of wisdom. "The principles of beautiful proportion are, of course, quite independent of style and mode. Unfortunately, styles and modes are often quite independent of beautiful proportion. As the eye becomes accustomed to seeing them, poor proportions may seem more beautiful than they really are. Thus, low beltlines encircling the hips create a proportion difficult for many figures, yet, when they were the rule, other beltlines seemed awkward."

"The same is true of fads, such as short skirts, light-coloured hose, and cloche hats. In every mode there are degrees, and every woman profits by knowing what devices display her figure to best advantage.

"With the figures, as with the face, the aim in design should be to emphasise pleasing features and to centre interest away from unattractive ones."

Dressing Your Figure

Here are a few rules to guide 1—A straight narrow skirt emphasises the upper part of the body; flaring skirt (if not too full at waistline) equalises a figure.

2—Severe, close fitting necklines make a large bust look larger.

3—Cross-wise lines increase bosom width; up-and-down lines create length and are slimming.

4—V-necklines, or deep V-shape vestee fronts are most flattering to a woman with a large bosom.

5—Too snugly fitting clothes emphasise a large figure; loose folds tend to conceal unlovely contours if expertly draped.

6—No large woman (especially with large hips) should wear shiny-surfaced materials—they highlight and make her appear larger than she actually is.

7—Light colour contrasted with darker colours emphasise measurements. If your bust is large and your hips slim wear dark blouses and lighter skirts. If your hips are large wear light blouses and darker skirts.

A Make-Up Chart

Lipstick And Rouge

For fair skins: Regimental Red or Cherry
For medium skins: Formal Red or Rose Dawn
For dark skins: Orchid, Ember or Vermilion

Face Powder

For fair skins: English Peach or Naturelle
For medium skins: Miblonde or Peaches and Cream
For dark skins: Deep Peach or Olive

Eyes shadow

For blue eyes: Azure, Silver Blue or Turquoise
For brown eyes: Violet or Brown
For hazel eyes: Brown or Green Moss

For grey eyes: Violet or Grey or Mist

Mascara

For fair lashes: Brown or Blue
For medium lashes: Black or Blue

For dark lashes: Black or Green

Foundation

For fair skins: Naturelle or Ivory
For medium skins: Blush
For dark skins: Rose Tan or Gitane

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

12.50 p.m.—Sea Shanties, and Student Songs.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons and Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Compositions of Debussy.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Musical Comedy Selections, with Louis Levy and His Gaumont-British Symphony, New Mayfair Orchestra, and Light Opera Company.

6.28 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.30 p.m.—Dance Music, by Benny Goodman, Victor Silvester and Jack Harris.

6.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Very Tasty—Very Sweet". A Variety Show.

7.15 p.m.—Dance Music, by Jay Wilbur, Henry Hall, and Billy Thorburn.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report, and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Studio—Concert by The Paradise Islanders.

8.25 p.m.—Reginald Foort (Organ) with Violin—Alfredo Campoli.

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Great Authors" No. 1: Dryden. The first of a new series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.

8.30 p.m.—Song by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

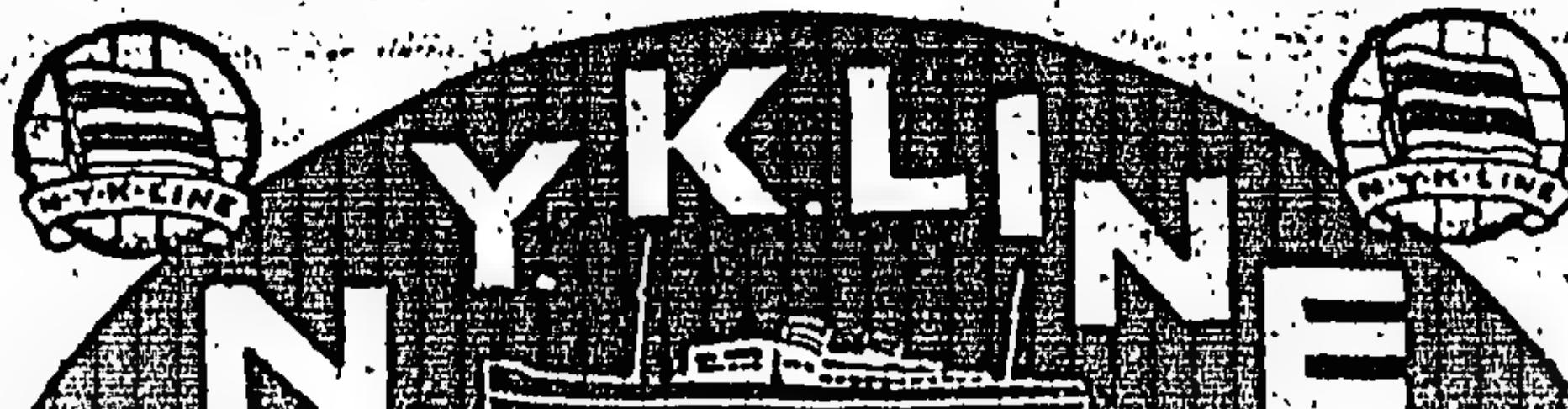
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9.45 p.m.—A Programme of Spanish Music, with Conchita Supervia, New Light Symphony Orchestra, and Fritz Kreisler.

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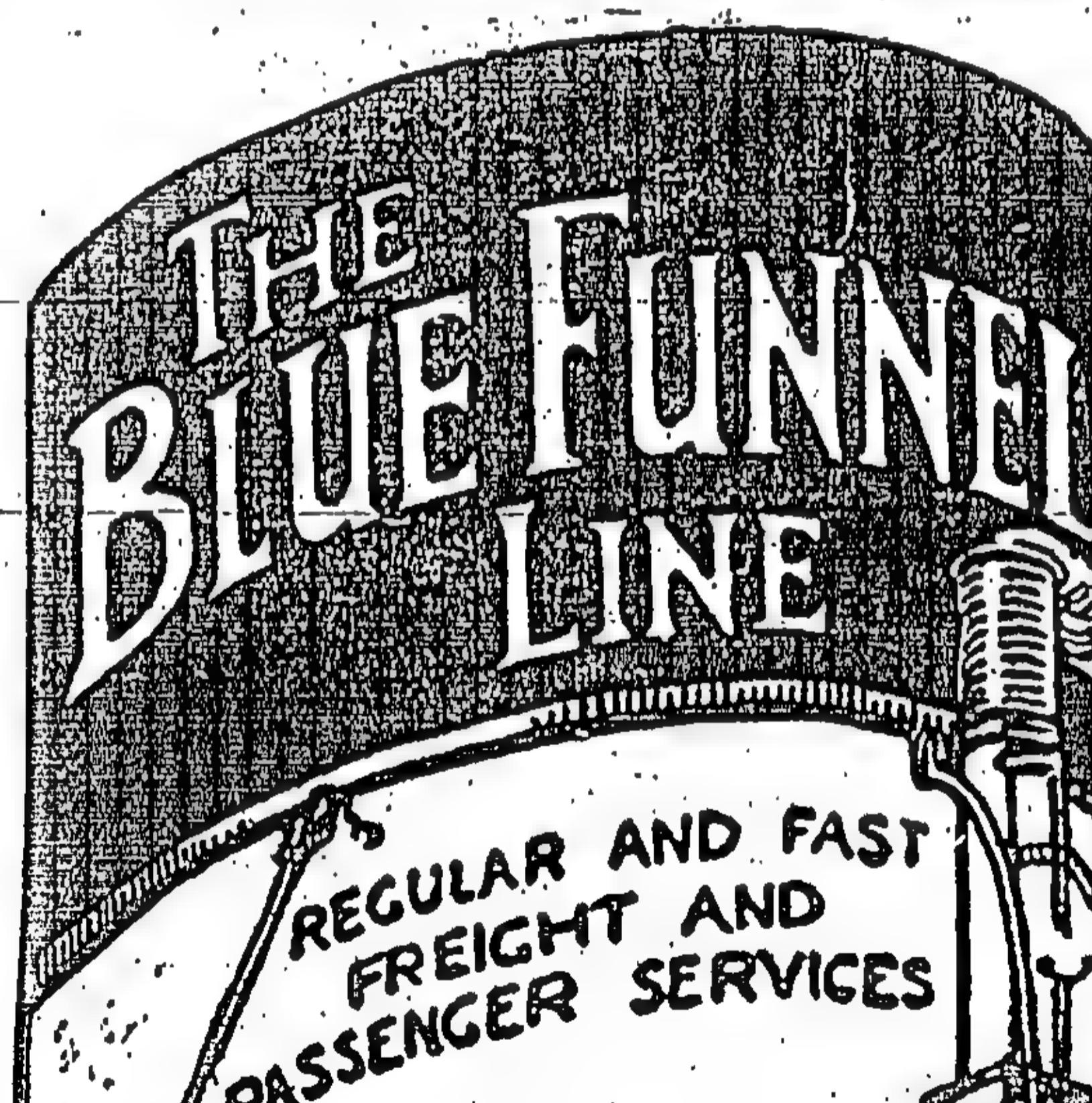
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By a million-to-one chance a young man who went over to Dunkirk in a small boat saved the life of his sailor brother.

Standing on the beach at Dunkirk helping to embark B.E.F. men amid bombs and machine-gun bullets, a young British sailor, Jim Parker, of Margate, turned as someone slapped him on the shoulder and said: "Well, fancy meeting you here, Jim!"

When Jim turned he found it was his elder brother Ted aged twenty-eight.

Unknown to each other the brothers had been working like heroes with only a few yards between them, getting the tired troops aboard their ships.

Neither brother had any idea that the other was at Dunkirk, and it was this amazing meeting which saved Jim's life. For after chatting for a few minutes Ted asked his brother to go along with him to a small motor-boat off the jetty for a drink of water and some food.

"While I was aboard the motor-boat the part of the jetty on which I had been standing was smashed by German dive bombers," Jim told a reporter.

"When Ted went home mother was overjoyed when he told her he had brought me back home safely with him."

Jim, who is aged twenty, and his brother are the sons of Ted Parker, the coxswain of the Margate lifeboat. Their father was actually passing them in his lifeboat on his way to Dunkirk as they were coming home in their motor-boat.

The offices of the French Consulate will be closed to the general public to-morrow, being the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

CHILDREN TEST HIS "PEASANT DIET"

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BASEBALL

Baseball Title Undecided: Fans Watch A Good Game

MINDANAO'S DISPLAY ASTOUNDS CRITICS

By "Grandstand"

IN THE MOST interesting and closest baseball battle staged in Hong Kong since time immemorial, Hong Kong Brewery knotted with U.S.S. Mindanao, 0-0, for six full frames thereby leaving the championship undecided.

Chief umpire Doc Molthen called the game in the last of the seventh on account of rain. The League Committee will meet on Friday to decide the date for another play-off which baseball bugs are eagerly looking forward to.

While Brewers maintained their usual standard of play, Mindanao surpassed all expectations with their brilliant performance in all departments of the game, Douglas and Wilson being particularly outstanding for the Chasemen.

Douglas displayed his wares in no uncertain manner at his habitat, the first station, and with the willow wand hammered two out of three including a double which was the longest knock of the affray.

Wilson's fly chasing at the centre pastures left nothing undone and his performance was climaxmed by a spectacular catch off Obei Arculli's bat in the ninth. "Highpockets" had to sprint from left centre to right centre to make the catch and what a catch? Willie shared batting honours with Douglas, belting two safeties out of three trips to the plate.

In an old fashioned pitching duel, Ski Powlawski topped Madeen Arculli with seven strikeouts, one walk and allowed four hits while Madeen was nicked for four blows, whiffed five and passed one.

Wilson's Bingle

The session started off with Mindanao batting first. "Highpockets" Wilson led off with a sizzling bingle to centre field and rounded second a minute later. "Poochie" Chase followed to foul the first pitch and third sacker Obei Arculli muffed. With the count two and one on him "Poochie" worked Madeen Arculli for a free pass. Runners on first and second and Douglas up to bat. "Horseface" grounded to short-stop and Wilson was forced at the hot corner for the first out.

Lil' round man Chase took too much lead off second and wide-awake Madeen Arculli nailed him for the second erasure with the help of second baseman, Zinho Gosano. Peterson popped to third base to end the chapter.

George Souza was the first batter to face super moundsman Ski Powlawski and was given a free pass to first. Ski took his box move, held Souza snug to first and pitched. The minute the ball left the pitcher's hand, Souza was

off to steal second but Tony Mascavage, who was in tip-top form behind the plate, bulleted the ball to Poochie Chase at second and Souza died for the first down "Showboat". Ali ingloriously struck out for the second out. Stan Leonard binged and Dave Leonard, H.B.'s clean-up man, flied a long foul and Peterson at left field was under it to retire the inning.

In the second stanza Ski, Ruel and Tony Mascavage went down in one-two-three order. In their turn to bat the Winglemen threatened to pep up the proceedings. Joe Bowen singled to left field. Arculli flied to right field and right-fielder Muddy Ruel whipped the ball to first sacker Douglas for a neat double play. With two away Zinho Gosano whiffed and the inning was over.

In the third Wilson reached second on a hit and a steal, but three of his teammates in Badrick, Maxwell and "Poochie" Chase faded away in order to close the chapter. In the same inning Ski made short work of three H.B. batters when Harold "Babyface" Winglee, Madeen Arculli and George Souza unceremoniously fanned the breeze in succession.

Douglas Just Out

At Home

The fourth canto was more exciting. Mindanao tore into their half with blood in their eyes, but the Brewers were equally as determined to hold the Chasemen down.

Douglas singled to right field to start the fireworks. Peterson fouled three times much to the disgust of "Horseface" who was determined to steal second, and had to come back to first after each foul ball. Peterson finally struck out for the first down.

Douglas pilfered second and stole third while Madeen Arculli went to sleep on the mound. Ski grounded to third and, at the crack of hickory against horsehide, Douglas tore for home as fast as his legs could carry him to the accompaniment of the roaring stand. Obei Arculli made a perfect throw to hind-snatcher Winglee and Doc Molthen's thumb was up in the air after the tag.

Two away and Ski Powlawski at third. Muddy Ruel sky-rocketed the pellet to centre fielder Dave Leonard to end Mindanao's rally. In the last of the fourth Ali rapped a single to right field and stole second for the only steal H.B. registered during the fracas.

Ali—So Near Yet So Far

With none away and Ali just one hundred and eighty feet from the counting station it looked as if the Brewers would tally. Stan Leonard, bundle of savage fury in the pinches, was at bat. Stan was grinning as his teammates gave him the final slap on the back, their faces were hard, grim and hopeful. The H.B. supporters were shouting to one of their power-houses "Show us how to hit the jackpot, Stan." "You can do it, Stan. Pick the first good one in there and give it a ride." "It's up to you, Stan."

Fans were silent and on edge. An electric stillness had swiftly

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's "C" Division League tennis programme:—

A.T.C.	v	J.R.C.
C.D.R. "A"	v	C.D.R. "B"
C.R.C.	v	H.K.P.S.A.
C.B.A.	v	H.K.U.T.C.
K.T.G.C.A.	v	K.C.C.
S.C.A.A.	v	K.I.T.C.

settled over the park.

Ski was fumbling a bit nervously on the slab, but with all the determination he could muster let go with the first pitch which was high and inside. Stan stepped back and the ump bellowed "ball one".

Mindanao players were barking encouragement to their stout-hearted blonde chucker. The last delivery was an out curve and Stan swung to miss the pellet by a foot, but Tony Mascavage could not hang on the old onion and had to throw the ball to first to get Stan out.

All scampered to third on the play.

One away and the Bambino Dave Leonard was up. What a set up. Ski was on a spot and he knew it. Dave let the first ball go by for a strike and instead of trying for a squeeze play the Bambino, who appeared too anxious to wallop the ball for a long distance hoist, fouled a fly which was gathered by Maxwell for the second out.

Joe Bowen came up and there was still a good chance for Ali to come home on a hit, but Hong Kong's Brown Bomber lifted a long fly to left fielder Peterson for the final out.

The fifth inning was a short one. Both teams were blanked in 1-2-3 order. Douglas belted a two bagger in the sixth but the long hit was wasted when Wilson, Chase and Peterson went down in that order. Madeen Arculli, first batter in the sixth, grounded to second base and Souza struck out for the second erasure. Ali clouted his second hit of the day but was caught at the keystone in trying to pilfer that base. Tony Mascavage's throw to the middle bag was perfect and Ali was tagged before he could get to smelling distance of the cushion.

As far as the book of rules will allow that is as far as the battle for the pennant went, but I might mention here that although the final frame was not completed Mindanao were blanked in this stanza and it was one away for H.B. with Dave Leonard up when the game was called.

R. H. E.

Mindanao ... 0 0 0 0 0 x-0 4 0

H.B. 0 0 0 0 0 x-0 4 2

Sets

LEAGUE TENNIS

K. TONG BEATEN

Gaining their first points in five matches the Indian Recreation Club yesterday defeated Civil Service C.C. by five sets to four on the latter's courts in the "B" Division of the Tennis League.

I. Agafuroff	and J. A. Bendall (C.S.C.C.)	beat A. R. Kitchell and M. O. Hoosen 6-2
beat A. Rahmin and S. A. Ismail 6-2	beat I. Kitchell and M. P. Madar 6-1	
B. Igafuroff and W. J. Skinner (C.S.C.C.)	lost to Kitchell and Hoosen 4-6	
lost to Rahmin and Ismail 6-2	lost to Kitchell and Madar 4-6	
D. Holledge and C. Sloan (C.S.C.C.)	lost to Kitchell and Hoosen 1-6	
lost to Rahmin and Ismail 3-6	lost to Kitchell and Madar 3-6	
lost to Kitchell and Hoosen 3-6		

C.R.C. WIN

The Chinese Recreation Club beat Kowloon Tong by 8½ sets to ½.

Yu Tak-cheuk and Wong Shiu-wing (C.R.C.)	drew with Bill Yiu and Henry Lin 6-6
beat Frank Kwock and Lam Kwan 7-5	beat T. E. Ling and Dr. Ko 6-3
D. C. Luk and Chan Tak-chan (C.R.C.)	beat Yiu and Lin 6-2
beat Kwock and Kwan 6-1	beat Ling and Ko 6-2
K. L. Ho and P. S. Choi (C.R.C.)	beat Yiu and Lin 6-2
beat Kwock and Kwan 6-3	beat Ling and Ko 6-1

ARMY BEATEN

South China beat Army by 8 sets to one in "B" Division of Tennis League, at Sookunpo yesterday.

Smith and Newham (A.T.C.)	lost to P. Dew and K. A. Ip 3-6
lost to W. T. Lee and W. C. Ho 4-6	lost to W. H. Ho and E. Szeto 3-6
Loch and Webb (A.T.C.)	lost to Dew and Ip 4-0
lost to Lee and Ho 1-6	lost to Ho and Szeto 2-6
Hyde and Duffield (A.T.C.)	beat Dew and Ip 6-2
lost to Lee and Ho 2-6	lost to Ho and Szeto 5-7

League Table

	S. W. D. L. F.	A. Pts.
S.C.A.A.	6 0 0 0 0 4 0	12
C.R.C.	6 5 0 1 4 1	10
C.D.R.	7 5 0 2 3 3	10
K.T.G.C.A.	5 4 0 1 2 9	16
C.G.C.	3 2 0 1 17/2	9 1/2
A.T.C.	5 2 0 3 20/2	24 1/2
C.R.C.	8 1 0 4 14/2	30 1/2
K.C.C.	6 1 0 5 13/2	38 1/2
H.K.C.C.	3 0 0 3 5/2	21 1/2
C.S.C.C.	6 0 0 6 9	0

CRICKET

"WAR" ON

Believe it or not, there's a cricket "war" on. So many arguments have developed over the claim in the 1940 "Wisden" that Brian Sellars (Yorkshire) must rank as the outstanding county captain of all time that it has been found necessary to issue detailed reasons for the assertion. Briefly, Yorkshire won the Championship six times during Sellars' eight seasons as skipper. Other captains may have done equally well on paper, but none under the exacting conditions of modern cricket which made Sellars' job so difficult. Tests and representative matches continually drained the best players from Yorkshire, yet Sellars still triumphed.

The game was featured by Tony Mascavage's brilliant work behind the plate and his pegging to the cossacks to nip in the bud would be base stealers, including D. Leonard, who was caught once at third and once at the keystone bag. "Spotty" Pereira and Tony Alves were also caught stealing, thanks to Tony's bullet throws. Douglas was again the tops in the batting list with two for two.

R. H. E.

U.S. Navy ... 2 0 2 2 0 0 0 7 2

Hong Kong 1 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 3

NO-FEMININE BOXING REFEREES

By decree of the California Boxing Commission, the referee's license held by Mrs. Belle Martell automatically is revoked. The attractive Mrs. Martell refereed fights in southern California cities, but the Board passed a rule forbidding anyone but a member of the male sex from officiating or appearing in any capacity at a boxing or wrestling match.

SOUTH CHINA WITHDRAW TWO LEAGUE TEAMS

South China Athletic Association are writing to the Hong Kong Football Association asking for permission to withdraw their "B" team from the First Division and the team from the Third Division.

This decision will necessitate a rearrangement of the fixtures. A draft copy was to have been presented to the Clubs at this evening's meeting.

F.A. MEETING TO-DAY

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held this afternoon at the Association's office at 5.30 p.m.

A League Fixtures Committee meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m. to-day to approve the fixtures for the coming season. Club secretaries may attend if they desire.

POLICE HOLD SOCCER PRACTICE

Police Football team held their first practice yesterday at Boundary Street when a large number of players turned up.

Police will this year be strengthened by the return of Moss, who was injured early last season, and Parker, who returned from leave at the end of the season.

Police are again competing in the First Division but have entered a team in the third division this season, and not in the Second as at first hoped.

The following are some of the players who will be playing this season:

W. S. McHardy; Blackburn and C. Parker; Pope, Gough and North; Johnson, Howlett, Wong, Man-kwei, Ferrier, Moss.

Taylor; Mui Siu-kei and Chan Kong-yu; Faan Kwai-chol, Hogarth and Mak Hon-san; Morrison, Gordon, Coull and Kong Hing.

DRASTIC CRICKET CHANGE URGED?

There have been many revolutionary suggestions for the brightening of cricket, but one which will probably make the "dishards" explode with anger has been put forward by a reader of the London "Star".

The correspondent, who admitted to playing ordinary stuff with varying success in the Army and the Police, says: "If, in any complete over, no run or runs are scored, four (or six) runs shall be credited to the fielding side at the end of the over."

He points out that maiden overs, accurate bowling and keen fielding are invariably applauded, and he believes they should earn something tangible in the shape of runs. "In the Army many years ago," adds the writer, "we used to play this game in preference to 'tip and run', and it really did put a kick into it."

There are many snags to the introduction of this interesting scheme, though it would hardly be practicable in a competition such as the County Championship. In friendly games with little or no thing at stake except the honour of winning, it might be worth trying, but undesirable tactics could be used when points or bonuses count.

What would there be to stop a skilful bowler pegging at the off-stump for over after over, and making a useful contribution to the fielding side, giving the batsmen little chance of scoring runs?

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F. Khan and H. M. Singh (K.I.T.C.)	15	4 1/2	10 1/2
J. Emberson and S. J. Duffield (A.T.C.)	12	2	10
H. K. Ho and N. K. Ma (S.C.A.A.)	12	3 1/2	8 1/2
W. S. Lee and H. C. Kwok (S.C.A.A.)	9	2	7
H. F. Goncalves and A. E. Noronha (C.D.R. "A")	9	2	7
Ma Siu-leung and T. C. Chan (C.R.C.)	6	0	6
G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha (C.D.R. "A")	9	3	6
H. R. Brown and C. S. Pile (H.K.P.S.C.)	9	3	6
B. Q. Baker and D. Howlett (H.K.P.S.C.)	9	3 1/2	5 1/2
Edward Lee and L. S. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	1	5
P. Chen and D. Chen (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	1	5
H. T. Tang and S. L. Yong (H.K.U.T.C.)	6	1	5
E. Zulau and R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	11	6	5
M. S. Hussain and G. Singh (K.I.T.C.)	12	7	5
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	8	4	4
G. H. Fowler and B. I. Blackford (C.R.C.)	9	5	4
V. Morrison and A. R. S. Major (H.K.P.S.C.)	6	2 1/2	3 1/2
D. Adlam and A. Murray (A.T.C.)	9	5 1/2	3 1/2
M. F. Lee and F. K. Yee (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	2 1/2	3 1/2
A. M. Silva and J. C. Fonseca (C.D.R. "A")	3	0	3
A. R. S. Major and S. G. Smith (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	0	3
V. Morrison and J. Howlett (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	0	3
M. S. Lee and D. Kwok (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	0	3
F. K. Lau and C. C. Chan (C.R.C.)	3	0	3
Wei Chung and O. L. Pang (C.R.C.)	3	0	3
C. L. Lau and W. S. Lee (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
B. C. Fay and C. S. Pile (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	0	3
O. L. Pang and P. C. Leung (C.R.C.)	3	0	3
V. Yvanovich and P. Bobetka (C.D.R. "B")	6	3	3
J. Fonseca and R. M. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	5	2	3
D. Hung and J. L. Anderson (K.C.C.)	11	8	3
C. C. Luke and O. L. Pang (C.R.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
S. Khan and S. R. Salih (K.I.T.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
J. Emberson and Stonor (A.T.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
M. F. Lee and F. K. Yee (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
Ip Yee and T. C. Lo (H.K.U.T.C.)	6	3 1/2	2 1/2
A. M. Alves and J. A. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	2	0	2
L. G. Gosano and P. M. Rozario (C.D.R. "B")	2	0	2
F. K. Lau and Leung Ping-chiu (C.R.C.)	3	1	2
K. M. Lee and H. F. Kwok (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
D. Chan and W. F. Fong (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
C. L. Lau and T. K. Leung (S.C.A.A.)	3	1	2
A. M. Alves and A. E. Noronha (C.D.R. "B")	3	1	2
P. Chen and J. Chen (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
G. Hong Choy and H. G. Kan (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	1	2
P. Chen and J. Chen (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
T. K. Leung and P. Y. Kwok (S.C.A.A.)	3	1	2
G. W. Lee and Marsland (C.R.C.)	3	1	2
F. K. Lau and C. C. Chiu (C.R.C.)	3	1	2
N. A. Beltrao and V. Yvanovich (C.D.R. "B")	3	1	2
F. E. Lee and L. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	4	2
H. Boocock and A. Martin (A.T.C.)	9	7	2
K. T. Tam and T. S. Wong (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
L. G. Gosano and I. M. Gosano (C.D.R. "B")	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
G. Singh and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
E. Zulau and D. Hung (K.C.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
A. M. Silva and C. M. Marques (C.D.R. "A")	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
A. Murray and H. Boocock (A.T.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
B. Yee and Lam Kwan (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2	1
C. E. Marques and J. A. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
M. S. Yu and S. L. Yong (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2	1
D. T. Smith and J. Sloan (C.B.A.)	3	2	1
T. K. Leung and K. I. Chan (S.C.A.A.)	3	2	1
N. A. Beltrao and M. A. Guterres (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
Allan and Murray (A.T.C.)	3	2	1
F. E. Lee and L. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2	1
N. A. Beltrao and A. M. Alves (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
D. Adlam and Stonor (A.T.C.)	3	2	1
B. M. Soares and P. Yvanovich (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
C. D'Almeida and A. M. Alves (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
N. B. M. Whitley and S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.)	6	5	1
H. Ling and E. Lee (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. Gillard (K.C.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2

ARMY TENNIS

Two games were decided in the Army Tennis League yesterday and in the "B" Division, Royal Scots did well to beat Royal Corps of Signals by the odd set in five.

Gilroy and Jenkins was the most successful pair for Royal Scots and won all three sets although they were fully extended by Pitcher and Love before they won 7-5.

The latter pair also put up a hard fight against Taylor and Downing and the set went to 14 games before it was decided in favour of Royal Scots pair.

In the "A" Division Royal Engineers had an easy win over Royal Army Pay Corps and won by 8 sets to 1. The Pay Corps' only set was obtained by Adlam and Murray but they fully extended Major Grose and Capt. Wilkinson before losing 7-5.

R.E. v. R.A.P.C.

Royal Engineers beat the Royal Army Pay Corps by 8 sets to 1, in a First Division Army tennis League match, played at Sooknupoo yesterday.

Major Grose and Capt. Wilkinson (R.E.) beat Adlam and Murray ... 7-5
beat Pinkney and Carden ... 6-3
beat Reed and Stone ... 6-1
S/Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Denyer (R.E.)

In a Second Division Army Tennis League match at Sooknupoo yesterday, Royal Scots beat Royal Corps of Signals by 5 sets to 4.

Pte. Gilroy and Pte. Jenkins (R.S.) beat Cpl. Wathen and Cpl. Tomlinson ... 6-2
beat Sgt. Langley and Cpl. Gorman ... 6-3
beat L/Cpl. Pitcher and L/Cpl. Love ... 7-5
Sgt. Taylor and L/Cpl. Downing (R.S.) lost to Wathen and Tomlinson 2-6
lost to Langley and Gorman 3-6
beat Pitcher and Love ... 8-6
Q.M.S. Green and Cpl. Duncan (R.S.) beat Wathen and Tomlinson ... 6-4
lost to Langley and Gorman 3-6
lost to Pitcher and Love ... 3-6

NEW WORLD RECORD IN BILLIARDS ESTABLISHED

Walter Lindrum established a new world record recently under the new baulk rule when he made a break of 3,361 in a billiards match against his brother Fred.

S. L. Yong and K. E. Tam (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
H. G. Kan and C. K. Lee (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
Y. Ip and G. C. Lau (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
Boocock and Stonor (A.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
Lee Kam-ming and Chan Leung-see (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	3	0
J. Goncalves and M. A. Guterres (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
H. B. Joseph and Dr. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
Talbot and W. J. Ciprin (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
S. A. Fowler and C. Broch (C.B.A.)	3	3	0
D. T. Smith and V. C. Bond (C.B.A.)	3	3	0
S. G. Smith and V. Morison (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	3	0
B. Godkin and A. Pollah (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
M. Talian and E. Porges (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
D. T. Smith and G. Gurvitch (C.B.A.)	3	3	0
A. M. Alves and R. M. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
J. M. and L. G. Gosano (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
J. R. Turner and T. C. Kavan (K.C.C.)	3	3	0
C. Marques and M. Mendonca (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
P. Wynter-Blyth and J. R. Turner (K.C.C.)	3	3	0
C. C. Pereira and R. M. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
G. Hong Choy and T. F. Lo (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	3	0
C. L. Lau and T. K. Lau (S.C.A.A.)	3	3	0
Gurbachan Singh and M. Ramdin (K.I.T.C.)	3	3	0
H. B. Joseph and W. J. Ciprin (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. B. Pollah and M. Talian (J.R.C.)	3	3	0



LEARNING TO SWIM SOUTH CHINA GALA

First Acquaintance With The Water

Co-Author With Harold S. Ulen of "The Complete Swimmer"

(This is the first of a series of 12 articles which appeared in the "Christian Science Monitor")

"THE BEGINNER IS asked to forget for the moment that he is learning to swim. The phrase too often connotes a depressing struggle with an unfriendly element. Rather should this be looked upon as a simple matter of learning a skill or sport. Considered this way, swimming can be undertaken confidently and cheerfully and with the expectation of immediate results."

Learning to swim, if taken slowly and easily as something requiring a certain amount of time, will prove to be a delightful series of experiences, each accompanied by a growing appreciation of man's proficiency in the water and by increasing pride in accomplishment.

The body adapts itself readily to this new environment. The antics of beginners may be explained as steps instinctively taken to make themselves at home in the water; or they may be due to the exciting effect of this strange, new element. In any case, the newcomer upon wading out knee-deep will bend and strike boldly at the water, sending the spray flying, or will scoop armfuls over chest and body. This is all to the good, for he is learning that the water which seemed cold at first touch is actually rather pleasant, that, furthermore, it has a certain consistency so that if hit hard it feels solid.

Excited by his discoveries, he may move into slightly deeper territory until his trunk is partly covered. Feeling the pressure on his chest, he may want to take several deep breaths just to prove that he can breathe all right; or he may want to walk briskly about, perhaps trying a little preliminary stroking with his hands. Or his muscles have tensed because of the new surroundings and the faint chill, he may want to shout, gesticulate, jump up and down or wave his arms.

Then he may surge inward to flop in extremely shallow water where, to his surprise and joy, what would be a feat on dry land can be performed by supporting the body horizontally on the surface by pressing the hands on the bottom. And if what is called "push-ups" on land are essayed by bending the arms as if to touch the chin on bottom, it will be found that at a certain point the body ceases to descend because of the support of the water. This might be called first acquaintance with buoyancy, an acquaintance that can be improved by inhaling deeply and exhaling, as a result of which the body seems lighter or heavier.

Give the average person a warm, clear day, with the sunlight shining through the water onto a bright, sandy bottom, with an instructor or a sympathetic friend who is a good swimmer present, and that person will naturally follow a little routine of this sort and be well on the way to becoming a swimmer. More learning follows when, with an impulsive splash, he wets face, eyes, and nose, and finding that the water can be readily wiped away without damage, ducks quickly under. Upon emerging, a quick brush of the hands downward from the forehead over the eyes, nose, and mouth accompanied by a bit of whalelike blowing through nose and mouth, and the decks have been cleared.

A few more such tries and the time will arrive for blowing bubbles and for opening the eyes to watch them. Following which blowing bubbles upon emerging is practised until eventually the beginner can achieve a breathing rhythm something like this: Quick breath, submerge, begin to breathe out, emerge, quick breath, under again, breathe out, etc. This is the beginner's approach to the rhythmic breathing of swimming, a technique that once mastered makes it possible to breathe regularly in the water despite foam and movement. It also has shown him that opening the eyes under water is harmless and fun.

In these few elementary and simple stunts the beginner has now learned that:

1—Water, although a liquid, can furnish considerable leverage. In

There was keen competition at the South China Athletic Association pool at North Point, last night.

The following were the results:

Women's 100 metres free-style:—1. Lai Po-luen; 2. Au Wai-chuen; 3. Ho Wan-mun. Time: 1. 30-3/5.

200 metres free-style:—1. Hau Pun-kun; 2. Fong Wai-cheung; 3. Mok Chi-piu. Time: 3. 12.

50 metres free-style:—1. Yeung Cheung-wah; 2. Mink Kan-lan; 3. Ku Leung-wah. Time: 30-1/5.

Women's 50 metres free-style:—1. Lai Cheuk-wah; 2. Lai Po-luen; 3. Au Mat-chuen. Time: 39-2/5.

THE NAVY SAILS IN

Exciting Brush With German Surface Craft

ACTION UNDER M.T.B. TRIES TO NO CAMERAS REGULATION

Mrs. Charles Simon Rosselet, wife of the General Manager of the General Amusements, Limited, and Mr. Cyril Chamberlain Blake were summoned at the Central Magistracy this morning for being in possession of cameras in areas outside the city limits.

Regulations prohibiting the carrying of cameras outside the city limits were enforced from the beginning of the month and Mrs. Rosselet and Mr. Blake were alleged to have been in possession of cameras at Shek-O and Wave Bay, respectively, on August 4.

Both defendants were fined \$10 by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C.

Mrs. Rosselet said that she had just returned to Colony, and was not aware of the new regulations.

Inspector W. Russell stated that about 4.15 p.m. on August 4, Mrs. Rosselet was found in possession of a camera at Shek-O Beach. The whole film was exposed but most of the pictures had been taken outside the Colony.

Inspector Russell said that most of the pictures taken by Mr. Blake were family snaps.

RED RIVER FLOODS SUBSIDING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The floods in the Red River basin in Indo-China continue to abate and the situation is steadily improving. In spite of a few landslides and infiltrations, the main dams held the water everywhere and only minor barriers collapsed, flooding ten villages. — Havas.

M.T.B. TRIES TO RAM BIGGER VESSEL

AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN LONDON YESTERDAY STATES THAT IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING SOME OF OUR MOTOR TORPEDO-BOATS MADE CONTACT WITH ENEMY LIGHT FORCES.

The enemy when sighted was only about 100 yards from our motor torpedo-boats which were travelling at about 30 knots. They were two small ships.

One of our motor torpedo-boats, thinking the enemy ahead was an E-boat and being too close to take other action, rammed the enemy.

The enemy ships, however, were larger than E-boats and this motor torpedo-boat suffered some damage to her bows.

Another of our motor torpedo-boats passed between the two enemy ships and engaged them with machine-gun fire and grenades at almost point-blank range.

It is considered that this fire took considerable effect. The enemy's fire was ineffective.

Running Fights

A third of our torpedo-boats passed beyond these two enemy ships and sighted two larger vessels. These she engaged with machine-gun fire at very close range.

Later one of our motor torpedo-boats had two running fights with an enemy E-boat.

It was too dark to ascertain what damage was inflicted on the enemy during these fights.

After this action some of our torpedo-boats were attacked by a German aircraft from a height of 500 feet.

Aircraft On Fire

A hot and accurate fire was opened by our torpedo-boats and when last seen the aircraft was on fire and losing height rapidly.

No casualties were suffered by the British forces in any of these engagements and none of our motor torpedo-boats suffered any damage apart from damage suffered by one boat through ramming. This boat also returned safely. — Reuter.

RELENTLESS WAR HOUR AFTER HOUR

(Continued from Page 1) over the south-east coast in the evening. The raiding planes were driven out to sea before they could drop bombs.

Southampton Bombed

Later last evening a communiqué issued by the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security announced that 57 German planes were brought down during the day.

The communiqué stated that in the course of further enemy attacks last evening, bombs were dropped in Southampton. Several fires broke out, but these were soon extinguished.

Very few casualties were caused, though these included fatal injuries.

Aerodrome Casualties

Bombs were also dropped on the Isle of Wight and country districts of Berkshire and Wiltshire. No casualties are reported from either of these areas. Several R.A.F. aerodromes in south-east England were attacked and at one of these a number of casualties were caused, including some fatal injuries.

Further reports show that of the 57 enemy planes destroyed yesterday, 54 were bagged by fighters and three by anti-aircraft fire.

Nine of our fighters have been lost but two of the pilots are reported to be safe.

Crash On Roundabout

A Spitfire squadron began a battle against 30 Dornier bombers five miles above the Kentish coast when the squadron leader, a South African, sprayed three of the bombers with machine-gun bullets in quick succession.

He saw pieces flying off one and another appeared to be on fire after his first burst.

Meanwhile the pilot officer with his opening burst of fire silenced the rear gunner and set fire to the fuselage of another bomber.

A second pilot officer shot down a Dornier and saw it crash on a

HAKUSAN MARU'S LONG TRIP

Taking two months and two days for the voyage from Europe, the N.Y.K. liner Hakusan Maru, arrived in the harbour at 8 a.m. to-day via the Cape of Good Hope.

The ship left Marseilles on June 13, three days after Italy's entry in the European War, and is scheduled to leave Hong Kong for Japan at 5 p.m. to-day.

There are a number of Japanese refugees from Paris and Marseilles on board and it is learned that they were not allowed to land at Cape Town or at any of the South African ports.

The Hong Kong authorities have also forbidden the Japanese passengers to land in the Colony.

STOP PRESS

FINED \$50 FOR LEAVING HER SHIP

Mrs. Beatrice Ohl, of No. 39, Conduit Road, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, for entering the Colony without a valid passport.

Detective-Sergeant J. Headridge, said that Mrs. Ohl arrived in the Colony in the s.s. Canton from Saigon. Her passport had no visa for Hong Kong. She was instructed by an official to remain on board the ship, but when the officer returned, Mrs. Ohl had already left the ship.

A fine of \$50 was imposed.

High explosive bombs were dropped by a German plane on a north-east Scotland town last night but there were no casualties apart from a few people injured by flying glass. — Reuter.

ANNOUNCING THE PRINCE OF SLACKS FOR MEN

ARRIVAL OF NEW SUPPLIES OF DAKS



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WE ADVISE AN EARLY VISIT

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While this flight was going on over the Thames, pilots from another Hurricane squadron were battling over the Sussex coast. They engaged a formation of 50 bombers composed of Dorniers, Heinkels and Junkers flying at 5,000 feet. A long way behind were 50 Messerschmidts.

In the dog fights which followed at least one Junkers 88 bomber was definitely destroyed and among probable victims of these Hurricane pilots were four more Junkers, two Dorniers, a Messerschmidt 110 and a Messerschmidt 109. — British Wireless.

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CHARGES DISMISSED

Considering the prosecution's evidence flimsy, the military court at Vichy yesterday dismissed charges against several French journalists and publishers arrested last June and accused of plotting against the safety of the State. — Havas.

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